



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2008

Name and Mission Statement

This corporation shall be known as “Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County, Inc.” and exists as a chartered local coalition of the Michigan Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse and a designated council of the Children’s Trust Fund. The mission of CAN is to promote community awareness through programs, initiatives and general education, concerning the physical, social, and emotional well being of children and families in Monroe County.

ATTENDEES: Judge Joseph Costello - 38th Circuit Court, Lynda Nickelson - Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Andrew Lewandoski - Community Mental Health Authority, Lynn Gluvna - Child Care Network, Kaye Lani Wilson - Gabby’s Ladder, April Corie - Center for Community Growth, Melodie Brooks - Mercy Memorial Hospital System Rape Crisis, Connie L. Carroll - United Way of Monroe County, Jim Vanderpool - Monroe County Youth Center, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Dot Stacy – CASA, Mariya Lajiness – Holy Cross Boysville, Bill Geddes – Holy Cross Boysville, Kris Henry – Michigan Works, Jennifer Slatten – Prosecutor’s Office, Danielle Grams – Sunrise House, Tracy Boudrie – American Red Cross, Pat Kosanovich – CAC, Carl Korzeniowski – DHS, and Heather Hempel – MSU Cooperative Extension.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Red Cross – Tracy B. reported Everyday Hero nominations are being accepted. ALSO, she teaches Early Childhood Development classes and seeking opportunities for her students to do childcare for class credit.

ISD –The Be Their Hero from Age Zero program is seeking nomination to recognize businesses that are family friendly.

Holy Cross – Bill G. reported they are starting a drug treatment group for adolescents and they are currently taking referrals.

DHS – Carl K. reported they are moving Jan. 18th to the old MI Gas Building at 903 S. Telegraph Road. All phone numbers will remain the same – Computers will be off this day.

MSU Extension - Heather H. reported that she does home visits.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Lynda N. reported that January is Mentoring Month and BB/BS will have a hockey game on January 25 to raise money. Long discussion was held on Letter to the Editor with many negative comments regarding the program – discussed ways to counteract this letter.

Danielle Grams – Family Counseling and Shelter Services is having an Art Auction “Art for Children’s Sake” on February 8 at Ambassador Hall \$25.00.

Youth Center – Jim V. shared info about Elder-Beerman’s Community Days to be held March 1. Participating 501c3’s sell coupon books for \$5 dollars –book has many dollars worth of coupons inside – and your organization keeps 100% of the money from sales. If interested Contact Debbie Dare at 586-2701 at the local Elderman-Beerman. Booklets are available at Monroe EB’s service desk.

III. MINUTES –Motion to accept the December 12, 2007 meetings minutes as corrected.

Correction: **MSU Extension** – Heather H. reported they are starting a ~~Farm~~ Family Nutrition Program to work with food stamp eligibility under the Strong Families Program. Celebrate Children will be held on April 26 (not 28).

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Deb B. reported that we currently have \$5206.78.

Discussion on a \$1500 check that cannot be found from Kohl’s – Kohl’s is follow up to make sure the check was sent.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education and Advocacy – **Chris T. reported:** Committee met after the December Meeting and working on plans for the near future.

b. Political Action – **Jennifer S. reported:** They will be meeting after the February meeting.

c. Member Services – **Connie Carroll reported:** Janet C. is on medical and will return soon. We will need a new membership chair at that time. All the CAN information at United Way has been moved to the new office. Mariya L. from Holy Cross has a file cabinet that we still need to put in the office. Hoping to find as many back copies of minutes as possible. Deb B. hopes to have an RSVP volunteer to come in and organize the records.

d. Finance – **Deb B. reported:** Those organizations who are awaiting funds from CAN should submit a letter to Judge Costello requesting those funds.

e. CAC – **Pat K. reported:** CAC is moving to MMHS administration building on N. Macomb St. sometime after Easter. Also received a \$1500 grant from the Community Foundation to print brochures. Also received \$100 from a class at Manor Elementary school. An educational program on the Link between animal abuse and violence will be held at ISD on January 24, an all day session.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – **Dot reported:** CASA’s Annual Meeting will be held at 11:30 on January 23.

b. Professional Development – **April Corie reported:** Making Connections will be held on March 6 in the Administration Building at the Community College. 8:30 AM is registration with a town hall meeting to be held in the afternoon.

c. Parenting Conference – Looking a pre-school enrollment fair in the spring (May 13).

d. Fundraising –Executive Board – Michelle B. discussed having a street solicitation in April. Connie will do the paperwork. She could try and get the fees waived. Decided to do on April 19 (Saturday before Celebrate Children). Need quite a few volunteers. A sheet was passed around and ten for Monroe plus three for Bedford potential

- volunteers signed up. Could go to Kohl's and ask for volunteers. Michelle will work on some type of give away to hand out to people who give us a donation. Dot Stacey also followed up on Ebay information. Any unsold ebay items will be given to the CAC for their garage sale.
- e. Celebrate Children* – April 26th . Kaye Lani will again send a letter requesting Kohl volunteers
 - f. Golf - Outing* – Contact Jim if you can help this coming year. August 29th at Giant Oaks

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Children's Trust Fund has sent out RFQ's for a one time increase in dollars for the Great Expectations Program (program to help teen parents). **MOTION** by Connie Carroll Seconded by Carl Korzeniowski to support ISD's application for these addition dollars. **MOTION PASSED**

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –February 13, 2008 at 9:00 AM United Way Building
Executive Board Meeting – March 12, 2008 8:00 AM –United Way

****If Monroe Public Schools is closed due to bad weather the CAN Council meeting will also be cancelled.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary