



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF January 10, 2007

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: Victoria Brown, El Shaddai Counseling and Consultation Services, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, Kris Theisen, Community Foundation, Tracy Boudrie, American Red Cross, Dave LaMontaine, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Dot Stacy, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Aimee Nimeh, Wraparound/ Monroe County Mental Health , Jodi Truel, Camp Fire USA, Kaye Lani Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, April Corie, Active Balanced Community/Monroe County Guardian, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Pat Kosanovich, Child Advocacy Center, Chris Todd, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Maria Zagorski, private practice, Kathaleen Bruce, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police, Carlton Korzeniewski, Department of Human Services, Denise Kohler, Michigan State University Extension, Kris Henry, Michigan Works, Janet Crego, Monroe County Opportunity Program Home Care, Deb Brescol, RSVP, William Nichols, Monroe County Prosecutor, Jamie Liezerman, Monroe County Health Dept., Denise Gray, RSVP/CASA, Terri Langton, Monroe County Intermediate School District, and William Sweat, Arthur Lesow Community Center.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME –President Michelle Brahaney, presiding.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theisen- Community Foundation's tobacco grant application and general grant applications are due Jan. 15th. For an application contact Kris Theisen.

Carroll – United Way is beginning their fund allocation process.

The Health Check for May will be in four areas of the County

Corie – Mentoring Program's first training is Jan. 24th. They have 7 trainers and are targeting system involved youth.

Jarrett – Amber Alert is now less than five minutes from the time given the info.

Substance Abuse Coalition is gathering data and will present after the ABC steering committee on Jan. 25th.

Crego – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – if interested in getting children and grandparents involved contact Diane Tackett at MCOP at 241-2775.

Boudrie - American Red Cross seeking nominees for their Every Day Heroes.

Kosanovich – CAC is seeing more children and working on the rape crisis program.

Nichols – Pointed out the article in the Monroe Evening News, which stated there was an increase in neglect cases.

Langton – There will be more continuity in the Health Model Curriculum for grades 4 & 5.

Sweat – 5:00 pm every evening the ALCC serves meals to children. They serve 40-90 kids a day.

Wilson – Grief Workshop is beginning.

Brescol – CAN is utilizing space in the CASA Newsletter for CAN's info. This way we do not need to do our own newsletter. If you have something you want in CAN's newsletter get the info to Dot Stacy by Feb. 15th.

III. **MINUTES** –of the December 10, 2006 meeting were approved as typed with motion by Dave LaMontaine and supported by Deb Brescol.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Theisen provided written reports

Available Balance	\$7,942.41	Checking	\$4,993.32	Savings
	\$6,778.26			

In place of committee reports, Michelle B. asked all committees to get together for 10 minutes to look at their goals, if they still apply, and what they would like to do this coming year.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. *Education and Advocacy* – Todd reported on goals:

- a. Promote and articulate CAN.
- b. Develop media message and appoint someone to respond to media articles.
- c. Establish speaker's bureau.
- d. Have representatives at parenting conference and other events.

b. *Political Action* – Nichols reported:

- a. Increase relationships with state legislature and invite them to Celebrate Children and invite them to meet with us once a year.
- b. Review proposed legislation and report to CAN.
- c. Discuss any major issues at meetings and determine if CAN should write a position letter.

c. *Member Services* –Crego reported:

- a. Change format of annual meeting.
- b. Increase and improve membership participation.
- c. Name plates for officers.

- d. New members questionnaire sheet. Will make sure new attendees are going to be members before receiving packet.
- d. **Finance – Brescol — Brescol reported:**
 - a. Scholarship program is on hold due to funds.
 - b. Develop annual spending plan based on goals of organization.
 - c. Three-year contract with CTF. In-kind match can be 25% of the \$5,000. Can put in an hourly rate for members at meetings, rental space at meetings. We also carried over \$2,000 from last year.
- e. **CAC – Kosanovich reported:**
 - a. Promote collaborations with CAC and ongoing training.
 - b. Work on fundraising.

***** Committee Chairs are to type up their goals and get to Kris by Jan. 19th.**

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** –Stacy –Working on the newsletter now.
- b. **Professional Development** – Corie –Nothing to Report at this time.
- c. **Parenting Conference** – Scheduled for March 10, 2007 at ISD.
- d. **Fundraising –Executive Board –**
 - a. Community Day at Elder Beerman a possibility. Kohl’s has a volunteer sign-up for a minimum of 3 hrs for employees and send a check for \$500. Target also offers the same type of program .
- f. **Celebrate Children** – Set for April 28, 2007 –On ISD website. Vendor letters went out. Call Chris Todd at the ISD if you did not receive one and are interested.
- g. **Golf Outing** – Brescol –August 31, 2007

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. HSCN Annual Report passed around.

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. **Strategic Plan**
 - Brahaney hopes to revisit this area at the January Meeting.
 - 1. **True community coordination to address needs.**
 - a. Working on renewing the Bubbylonian program
 - b. Working on Celebrate Children
 - 2. **Consistent flow of services**
 - a. Working on up dating CAN brochure
 - b. Working on up dating Sexual Abuse Handbook
 - 3. **Parenting training in high school setting.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Lynda Nickelson gave a presentation on Monroe County Mentors.

XI NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –February 14, 2007 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – March 14, 2007 8:00 AM –United Way Building

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

Kristyn F. Theisen, Secretary