



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 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: , Connie L. Carroll - United Way of Monroe County, Doug Redding - Monroe County Intermediate School District, Chris Todd - Monroe County Intermediate School District, Carlton Korzeniewski - Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool - Monroe County Youth Center, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Charles Justice - Private Practice, April Corie - Active Balanced Community, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Dave Taylor – Monroe Public Schools, Janet Crego – Monroe County Opportunity Program, Larry Csokasy – Mercy Memorial Hospital, Jodi Truel – Camp Fire USA, Sandra Hall – Catholic Charities, Kris Henry – Michigan Works, Connie Harvell – Monroe County Health Dept., Megan Lay – Intern, Donna Ridner – CAC Intern, Patricia Poupard – Mercy Memorial Hospital, Sara Waldecker – Monroe Housing Commission, Hwa Stacy – YMCA, and Kris Theisen, Community Foundation of Monroe County.

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Foundation of Monroe County – The next round of grant applications are due 7-15.

YMCA – 2nd Annual Corporate Cup will take place in September. Taking applications until Aug.

State Police – Two are trained on passenger child car seat installation. They do not have car seats to give out. Anyone can schedule a car seat installation appointment by calling 243-3500.

Monroe Public Schools – Dave Taylor reported Cantrick would open as an early childhood center.

Camp Fire – Day camps starting June 25th. Please call 240-2840
Head Start – Will be locating to the new Early Childhood Center.
Tomorrow's Child/Michigan SIDS – Connie Harvell passed out information. They invite your participation for their walking events. Call 240-7865.
MI Works – Information sessions take place on Tuesday at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 2:00 pm.
MCOP – Campaign for fighting poverty in 25 increments. Anything in 25 increments starting at \$0.25 will combat poverty. Breakfast will take place July 11th.
Health Department – Sat. immunizations July 14th at McDonald's on Stewart and August 25th at the Baptist School.
Be Their Hero – Summer camps are almost full.
Youth Center – Received a cognitive behavioral training grant for \$15,000. They may be able to open to others.
FCSS – Holding a Texas Hold'em. Please call 241-0180.
Mercy Memorial Hospital – The front entranceway will be finished in August. The Rape Crisis Center transitioning to the Hospital.
Monroe Housing Commission – Children Summer Food Program starting for 0-18 yrs. 100-125 lunches a day.
Dept. of Human Services – Going through budget constraints. Have lost 1 investigator they cannot replace due to the State budget.
ISD – They have an early childhood section on their website. If a child is suspected of having a disability the ISD has a diagnostic services in the summer. Please call 242-5799 ext. 1630.
Unite Way – Night at the Races – Aug 18th; Labor Rally – Sept. 6th; Kickoff Breakfast – Sept. 14th; Golf Outing – Sept. 29th; Sweetest Day – Oct. 20th; Achievement Dinner – Dec. 6th
YMCA- Corporate Cup 2007 will be taking place. Hwa Stacy passed out information.

III. MINUTES –Motion by Doug Redding and supported by Dave Taylor to accept the May 9' 2007 meetings minutes as typed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: No report provided.

Committees did not break out into sessions..

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education and Advocacy – Chris T. reported:** In the process of reviewing the brochure. Working on the parenting conference and have funds to spend by Sept. 30th.
- b. Political Action – Bill N. was not present.** Michelle B. stated she would get with Bill Nichols on researching a letter to Lansing for one less polygraph tech in the Monroe area. We will draft a letter that each CAN member can send in.
- c. Member Services – Janet C. reported:** The name plaque goal has been completed and every CAN member can write their name on a name plaque and place by their seat. Any new members are to see Janet. The committee will meet in August.
- d. Finance – All requests for CAN funds for preventive services are to be in by the beginning of Sept.**
- e. CAC –Pat K. reported:** Larry Csokasy and Charles Justice are new board members. A garage sale will take place July 17th and 18th. Donations are accepted after July 14th. Mel Brooks is certified in forensic nursing and will be going for pediatric forensic nursing certification. A list of service providers is being developed. A distance learning training grant will take place next year.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* – No report.
- b. Professional Development* – April C. is working on this area.
- c. Parenting Conference* – Last two years attendance has dropped. We are now looking at narrowing the focus and the Education & Advocacy Committee is working on this.
- d. Fundraising –Executive Board* – Michelle B. reported we received \$3,000 for a literacy project. The executive committee decided to provide books for Baby Net. A Thank you letter will be sent to Visteon/Ford.. We can use this as a match for our state dollars.
- f. Celebrate Children* – Thank you letters were sent to the vendors. The date for next year is 4-26-08.
- f. Golf Outing* – Jim Vanderpool passed out raffle tickets. The rest will be sent. The outing is August 31, 2007 at Giant Oaks. Hole sponsors are being sent out. It was stated this is our largest fundraiser and each member should sell or buy their raffle tickets. Michelle B. stated this is why we do not have a membership fee. It was asked if the hole sponsor forms could be provided to the members as they were not with the raffle tickets.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. MNA Training* – Information was passed around.
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VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

Michelle B. reported at the next meeting we would have committee goals instead of the present strategic plan.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

United Way submitted a CTF Grant for Children's Support Services.
No meeting in July.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting – August 8, 2007 at 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – September 8, 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.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary