



Child Advocacy Network

of **MONROE COUNTY, INC.**

P.O. Box 501 ■ Monroe, Michigan 48161

Local Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse & Neglect Council for the State of Michigan

CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF March 8, 2006

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: Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Community Mental Health Authority, Denise Gray, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Dave Taylor, Monroe Public Schools, George Birkam, Holy Cross Children Services, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Maria Zagorski, private practice, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Trooper Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police Department, Chris Todd, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Janet Crego, Monroe County Opportunity Program, Sandra Hall, Catholic Charities of Monroe County Head Start, April Corie, Active Balanced Community/County Guardian, Cheryl Lohmeyer, MC Prosecutor’s Office, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, William Nichols Monroe County Prosecutor, Pam Barker, Member-at-Large, Linda Tarjeft, Camp Fire USA, Hwa Stacy, YMCA, Sgt. John Plath, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Dave LaMontaine, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Larry Csokasy, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, Rebecca Pasko, Child Advocacy Center, Charles Justice, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Dot Stacy, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Ann Marie Snider, Ida Public Schools Judge Joe Costello, 38th District Court, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Jennifer Monday, Gabby’s Ladder, Joyce Weipert, Catholic Charities of Monroe County, Jennifer Drumm, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Terri Langton, Monroe County Intermediate School District and Michigan Schools Health Curriculum, Carole Scott, Monroe County Department of Human Services, and Pamela Lynch, Monroe County Health Department.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** –President Maria Zagorski, presiding. William Nichols, Monroe County Prosecutor introduced Cheryl Lohmeyer for his office. Lohmeyer has been assigned to handle all sexual abuse cases in the Prosecutor’s Office. She will represent the Prosecutor’s office when Nichols is unavailable.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Carroll** – Their Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 29 at Monroe Golf & Country Club. Run for the Roses is May 6.
 - Langton** – Michigan Schools Health Model is under revision
 - Costello** – He sent a letter to Rep. Angerer requesting a revision in the Personal Protection Order laws.
 - Tarjeft** – Camp Fire starting a teen management program.

Todd - March 22 Building Pre-Reading Skills 60-minute webcast

April 13 Great Start Update

Nichols –Has two booths at Bedford Trade Fair this weekend

Brescol – RSVP will be at Trade Fair also

Brahaney – ISD has special needs pre-school available

Corie – ABC “give a hand, take a hand” Monroe Mentoring Initiative has moved under United Way of Monroe County and she is currently writing a grant request to enhance the mentoring program and hope to hire a part-time coordinator soon.

Jarrett – Initiative on meth is going to retail stores for help in curbing the problem. First training is May 5, 10AM-12PM at the United Way of Monroe County.

III. MINUTES –of the February 8, 2006 meeting were approved as typed.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Theisen sent report Balance \$7,643.68
Checking \$1,376.95 Savings \$6,765.55

Reaffirmed that CAN should purchase a \$5000.00 CD – Best available rates –30-day limit because we will need to spend the money before the end of our fiscal year– Brescol and Theisen will follow up on this decision.

Message from Treasurer reported that we need to increase our revenue by \$2,050.00. In sponsorships/donations to date we have \$1,060.00. We need about another \$1,000 in donations.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education and Advocacy* – Herkimer –
- b. Political Action* – Nichols/Lohmeyer – introduced Cheryl who has been assigned to handle all sexual abuse cases in the Prosecutor’s Office. She will represent the Prosecutor’s office when Nichols is unavailable.
- c. Member Services* – Crego –The committee is working on new member packets and developing an updated brochure. Also working on updated Board of Directors list.
- d. Finance* – Brescol –Lengthily discussion was held at Board Meeting regard raising needed funds. We are currently \$1,000 short and without Parent Conference we \$2,000 short. Discussion was held regarding a membership fee for CAN membership, suggested raffle ideas, and many other ideas that were turned over to the Fundraising Committee. We have met our in kind match but now we need the cash to fulfill our obligations. Crego suggested we start a Speaker Bureau that could give presentations to service clubs and other organizations.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* –Stacy –April is Child Awareness and Abuse Month and CASA will hold a candle lighting ceremony at Celebrate Children April 29, Frenchtown Square Mall at 1 PM. Have 8 new volunteers who will be training in May or June. Also have volunteers who have been trained with Monroe Public Access Television and we will be doing their own show in the near future. Anyone interested in being on the show should contact Stacy. CASA has applied for a Diversity grant and hope to be doing training in the fall.
- b. Child Advocacy Center* –Poupard and Pasko CAC – Now an official member of the National Organization. Pasko reported that approximately \$3000 with their fundraiser. Seeing an increased volume of children.
- c. Professional Development* –Corie – Reported that she and her committee are working to bring a speaker to speak Educational professionals regarding gender differences for system involved youth. Scheduled a meeting to follow this meeting.
- e. Fundraising –Executive Board* –Much discussion was held at the Board Meeting and under the Treasurer’s Report. Dave Taylor and others volunteered to meet and see what could be worked out.
- f. Celebrate Children* – Sargent – April 29 at Frenchtown Square Mall: Brescol requested volunteers to work in the CAN booth.

- g. **Golf Outing** – Brescol –September 1, 2006, annual golf outing. Heather Hempel has volunteered to help secure door prizes – Mercy Memorial Hospital System has donated cloth bags.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Monroe County Library has developed and designed a **CAN page and link** so that the minutes and agenda can be stored and viewed on line.

b. Strategic Plan

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

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Rebecca Pasko gave an update on the Child Advocacy Center. CAC is currently offering services for the sexually abused and seriously physically abused. Discussed how interviews are conducted, families are comforted and legal matters are handled. Also shared plans for the future. Everyone is invited to come tour the facility – But please call first.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –April 12 2006 9 AM - United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – June 14, 2006 8 AM –United Way Building



Connie L. Carroll
Secretary

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