



of **Monroe County, Inc.**
P.O. Box 501 ■ Monroe, MI 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 14, 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: , Maria Zagorski, Private Practice Attorney, Connie L. Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health, Tracy Boudrie, American Red Cross, Dave LaMontaine, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Dot Stacy, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Aimee Nimeh, Wraparound/ Monroe County Mental Health , Jodi Truel, Camp Fire USA, Kaye Lani Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Chris Todd, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Kathaleen Bruce, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police, Carlton Korzeniewski, Department of Human Services, Anne McCarthy, Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office, Jamie Liezerman, Monroe County Health Dept., Denise Gray, RSVP/CASA, Hwa Stacy, YMCA, John Plath, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Mike Smith AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison United Way of Monroe County, Patricia Poupard, Mercy Memorial Hospital System,

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – Vice –President Connie Carroll, presiding..

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lewandoski – Community Mental Health – Expanding Services to Children in Difficult Times Meeting March 29 from 10-12 – Contact David King at CMH

Bruce – FCSS selling TIGERS vs Cleveland Tickets for Saturday May 26

Carroll –Health Check Dates for 2007

Tuesday	May 1	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Carleton United Methodist Church
Thursday	May 10	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Monroe Monroe County Community College
Tuesday	May 15	12:00 PM-6:00PM	Dundee Dundee Baptist Church
Thursday	May 24	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Bedford Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

III. MINUTES –of the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved as typed. Anne McCarthy name was corrected – it should have an “e” at the end.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: LaMontaine provided written reports

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

Celebrate Children has \$1033.27 available

LaMontaine reported that he has received the books, but has been unsuccessful in getting the signature card’s to the account or take any action regarding the account. Original report filed with master minutes.

Meeting suspended to permit committees to meet for 15 minutes.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education and Advocacy – Todd reported on goals:* Committee addressed the access to brochure, will email to members and make available to churches, physicians’ offices. Wants to have a spokesperson for CAN. Raised concerns about internet access for kids.
- b. Political Action – McCarthy reported:* Presented legislative materials affecting children. Created and distributed a list of house and senate bills that affect children. Committee created a list of these bills that warrant further review.
- c. Member Services –Stacy reported:* Suggest that annual meeting be a breakfast. Want to spotlight agencies in the newsletter. Would like to have presentation by agencies at monthly meetings.
- d. Finance – Brescol — No Report*
- e. CAC – LaMontaine reported:* New board members have been appointed. Fundraising needed. Other grant opportunities to be explored.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) –Stacy –Light of Hope will be held at Celebrate Children – 1 PM Terry Beurer to speak.*
- b. Professional Development – Corie –Nothing to Report at this time.*
- c. Parenting Conference –Carroll reported the committee is investigating options on how and when is most effective for this conference.*
- d. Fundraising –Executive Board – No Report*
- f. Celebrate Children – Set for April 28, 2007 from 10 AM to 2:30 PM–On ISD website. Vendor meeting set for noon on April 17 at the community room at the Mall. Art contest for tee shirts is currently being held. Many activities are planned. Vendors should check in at food court – tables are selected on a first come first serve basis.*
- g. Golf Outing – Redding reported - August 31, 2007 at Giant Oaks. Currently examining sponsorships and using pro names for incentives. Committee will meet on April 5, 10:30 AM at the Community Foundation. Wilson suggested we remember to use the Kohl’s volunteers as that can bring in extra money.*

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. RSVP is seeking nominations for RSVP volunteer of the year.*
- b. Invitation to attend Monroe County Children’s System of Care Task Force Pre-Planning Meeting*
- c. Gabby’s Ladder schedule of programs*
- d. Order form for Parenting Awareness Month*
- e. Michigan Nonprofit Association schedule for Public Policy Strategies and Tactics series*

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

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

XI NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –April 11, 2007 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – June 13, 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.**

Minutes taken by Maria Zagorski, Typed by Connie Carroll