



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF May 13, 2009

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 Doug Redding - Monroe County ISD-CFMC, Dot Stacy – CASA, Deb Brescol, RSVP, Kaye Lani Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Jennifer Ewen – Prosecutor’s Office, Andy Lewandoski, Monroe County Community Mental Health, Lynn Gluvna, Child Care Network, Mary Kapp, Michigan State Police, Chris Todd Monroe County ISD, and Roy Richardson- Dundee Church of the Nazarene

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – Chris Todd called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. with 10 members present.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Way – Health Fair continues May 14 at the Monroe Community College. Attendance had been down this year. Dundee Health Fair Check. reported 75 attended.

Wilson – Gabby’s Ladder -reported attendance at the recently completed Spring Session had 32 children with 7 being older teens. 7 Families from Suicide Very successful. Parents will continue to meet and additional 4 weeks.

III. MINUTES –No minutes available for the meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT: Deb B. reported **\$ available to CAN**. \$500.00 being held from Great Start/Nancy Thompson. Four mini-grants totaling \$1,601.00 to be submitted.

Discussion of how to increase volunteers & contributions followed. Suggestions: Possible food vendor at Monroe Jazz Festival, Continue to hold street solicitations, Charge agencies to participate in CAN . When CAN agency member volunteers at a fundraiser fee is deducted from charge to participate in CAN. (volunteering/working off payment)

Discussion of What is the identity of CAN? & Who is CAN? Identifying may help with fundraising. Suggestion that CAN needs to work at being more regular with activities in the community. Currently August Gold Outing & April Celebrate Children. Suggestion of moving Celebrate Children to a colder month possibly March. This may increase attendance. Also suggested establish a tip sheet of 2-3 messages of how CAN supports Monroe community activities. This would appear on all paperwork. This would assist in spreading the word in the community of How CAN supports local programs/activities. Children's Trust Fund (CTF) \$2,000.00 a minimum match is needed.

Redding & Brescol are working on the CTF grant due this week.

Brescol- Regarding Baby Net line item CTF grant being reduced from \$3,200.00 to \$2,600.00 \$600.00 is needed to be removed from grant.

Submit CTF grant to Council for approval amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Education and Advocacy** –No report
- b. **Political Action** –No report
- c. **Member ship**– **Dot Stacy 2 new members to the CAN Council: Roy Richardson & Ed Larkins**
- d. **Finance** –Brescol –

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Dot Stacy – 7 new CASA volunteers sworn into program**

Training – Andy Lewondoski -Monroe County Mental Health -Trauma training held recently was well attended approx 30. The training process is a year long designed to assist children suffering from Trauma. Dot Stacy & Kay Lani Wilson attended the training. Both shared positive comments. Dot felt this may be a potential training for CASA volunteers. Wilson shared a documentary from Georgia PBS she recently viewed “Cry for Help”. Thought this may be of value to Monroe educators. “Cry for Help” may train educators regarding suicide, bullying etc. Blue handprints around a class room door signals to a child being bullied, threatened that the class room is safe & the educator has been trained on the subject matter.

- b. **Fundraising** – April street solicitations cancelled lack of volunteers

- c. **Celebrate Children – Kapp-Michigan State Police –Celebrate Children-** reported approximately 200 Child ID Kits were processed. 6 computers were used at the event.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE no report

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Wilson – May 21 Gabby's Ladder Memorial Service
- b. Redding – May 30 Community Foundation opening of New Playscape (park) from the Access to Recreation grant behind Monroe Township Hall off Dunbar Road 10:00am – 1:00pm
- c. Todd – May 18 Senator Randy Richardville speaking at SWMAEYC Dinner @ ISD 6:00pm

d. Great Start – May 21 Star Power Bus to state capital Lansing leave ISD 8:00am return 5:00pm

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

X. NEXT MEETING

Executive Board Meeting – June 10 8:00am – United Way
Monthly Meeting – June 10 9:00 AM - United Way

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Gluvna