



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF May 9, 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, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Chris Todd, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Carlton Korzeniewski, Department of Human Services, Denise Gray, RSVP/CASA, Mike Boczar, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Dickerson, Monroe Police, Pat Kosanovich, CAC, Michelle Duell on behalf of Maria Zagorski, Lynda Nichelson, Monroe County Mentors, Sima Haghpassand, Monroe County ISD, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, Deb Brescol, RSVP, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County ISD, Charles Justice, Private Practice, April Corie, Active Balanced Community, Mary Kapp, Michigan State Police, Kris Theisen, Community Foundation of Monroe County.

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASA – Swearing in for volunteers will take place May 24th at 5:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Youth Center – State Attorney General presented the Youth Center with 1st place for its student wellness program.

RSVP – Hired a new CASA Volunteer Coordinator – Denise Gray.

United Way – Health checks are still taking place.

ISD – Be Their Hero Event – 100 in attendance on Friday and 70 attended the keynote speaker. Be Their Hero Summer Camps information will be out in June.

III. **MINUTES** –Motion by Doug Redding and supported by Deb Brescol to accept the March 14, 2007 meetings minutes as typed.

IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT: LaMontaine provided a written report and Kris Theisen reported.**

Checking \$9,843.32 **Savings** \$6,778.05

Celebrate Children has \$3983.27 available

Committees did not break out into sessions as not enough were in attendance. Michelle stated she needs the committee’s goals and strategies if she does not already have them.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Education and Advocacy – Chris T. reported:** In the process of reviewing the brochure. They are looking at the “Stranger to Danger” Program and bringing back Bubbylonian. The committee will meet and get goals to Michelle B. by the next meeting.
- b. **Political Action – Bill N. was not present.** Michelle B. stated the State is in a period of distress and many agency programs are being cut.
- c. **Member Services –Connie C. reported:** The annual meeting will be a hearty breakfast. CAN discussed the possibility of having tent cards for everyone present. Many liked the idea. Connie C. will work on.
- d. **Finance – Brescol** — CTF 1st and 2nd quarter reports have been submitted. The 3rd quarter is due in July. Doug R is taking care of the narrative and Deb B. taking care of the finance. **We are collecting funding requests for next year. They are due in August.**
- e. **CAC –Pat K. reported:** The CAC received a \$2,500 website seminar grant for social workers, teachers, law enforcement etc. The ISD is helping with this. They also received a 1,500 grant for Pat to attend the Leadership Conference in June. They are working on strategic plan, fundraisers, and developing new reporting forms. They have several new board members and everyone is working together.

VI. **OTHER REPORTS**

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** –Denise G. Swearing in is scheduled for May 24th as reported earlier.
- b. **Professional Development** – April C. – Passed around a paper to provide ideas on what you would like to see for professional development.
- c. **Parenting Conference** – Deb B – reported we spent 300 for brochures and coloring pages, which was not reflected on the financials. The funds for the parenting conference need to be spent and we carried some over from last year. The education Committee will discuss and bring back options at the June meeting. Some options discussed were purchasing kits for the Great Start Collaborative and other parenting groups and purchasing Babynet materials.
- d. **Fundraising –Executive Board** – No Report
- f. **Celebrate Children** – Chris T. reported. Over 2,000 turned out. 500 t-shirts and lunch coupons were passed out. The evaluation meeting is set for the 14th at 1:00 at the ISD. 52 vendors were at the event and all were thanked for being in attendance. The group discussed the MI CHIP Program and another way to have this in the community. Deb B. suggested having it in South County and Doug R. suggested at the Health Dept. with the immunization clinic. Motion by April C. and supported by Deb B. for a letter to be drafted to the service clubs involved in Celebrate Children thanking them for

their participating. Motion passed. Discussion took place of putting an ad in the Monroe Evening News for Celebrate Children thanking all vendors. Doug R. felt it is not the best use of our funds with organizations going through cuts due to the State crisis. A free sponsorship ad would be better. Motion by Connie C. and supported by Chris T. to ask the Monroe Evening News to run a thank you ad for Celebrate Children as a sponsorship ad at no cost. Motion passed. Heather H. will discuss with the MEN. Connie C. stated the ad should have the CAN and Celebrate Children logo. Doug R. stated Celebrate Children will do letters to all vendors.

- f. ***Golf Outing*** – Deb B. reported - August 31, 2007 at Giant Oaks. We are having levels of sponsorships this year. Heather H. is helping with door prizes. At the June CAN meeting tickets will be passed out.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Monroe Community Ambulance** is having a child passenger safety training May 8-11th.
- b. MNA is having a nonprofit training. Information passed out at the meeting.

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

Michelle B. will put together all of the committee's goals. CAN needs to approve all CTF grants, therefore, the **deadline for all organizations to have their CTF Grant into the CAN Council is May 21st**. The CAN will then review and endorse.

a. Strategic Plan

1. *True community coordination to address needs.*
2. *Consistent flow of services*
3. *Parenting training in high school setting.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Connie C. complimented the Youth Center on assisting with the Health Checks.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting – June 13, 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.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary