



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 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: Connie L. Carroll - United Way of Monroe County, Jim Vanderpool - Monroe County Youth Center, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Denise Gray – CASA, Mariya Lajiness – Holy Cross Boysville, Bill Geddes – Holy Cross Boysville, Kris Henry – Michigan Works, Ann McCarthy – Prosecutor, Chris Todd – ISD, Kaye Lani Wilson – Gabby’s Ladder, Marje Slick – Arc of Monroe County, Sandy Imber – Sunrise House, Danielle Grams – Sunrise House, Connie Harvell – MCHD, Sima Haghpassand – MCISD, Al Neikirk – El Shaddai, April Corie – Center for Community Growth, 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**
 - Gabby’s Ladder** – Next groups start 12-11.
 - Sunrise House** – Danielle Grams is the new Child Advocate.
 - State Police** – Jim J. reported the polygraph operator position has been cut and cuts to lab positions mean their will be a longer turn around time for evidence. .
- III. MINUTES** –Motion by Connie Carroll and supported by Deb Brescol to accept the September 12, 2007 meetings minutes and the Annual Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2007 as typed. If you are not receiving the minutes, please contact Kris Theisen.
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Deb Brescol reported the revenue for the month was \$387.10; expenses were \$662.12 with a total of \$7,354.15 in the accounts, which also

includes the amount of \$1,608.03 we are holding for Celebrate Children. Treasurer's Report is placed on file.

As many of the committee chairs were not at the meeting, it was decided not to break out into committee meetings.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Education and Advocacy – Chris T. reported:** There is a meeting scheduled after the next meeting.
- b. **Political Action –** No Report.
- c. **Member Services – Connie Carroll reported:** The annual meeting had good attendance. The membership seemed to like the breakfast meeting better. New members should see Janet Crego for a membership packet.
- d. **Finance – Deb B. reported:** Judge Costello has agreed to be the Finance Chair.
- e. **CAC – It was reported:** Received some funds from OMNI. Trainings are scheduled at the ISD on 11-15 for emotional abuse issues. The trainings are part of a teleconference that is scheduled for every other week. Anyone is welcome to attend. It was suggested the educational committee work with Pat K. on getting the training info out to the CAN members as part of a professional development course for CAN.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Denise reported:** The Fashion Show was a success. The State conference speaker on sexual abuse was very good.
- b. **Professional Development –** No report.
- c. **Parenting Conference –**They will need to decide what to do at the next meeting.
- d. **Fundraising –Executive Board – Kris T.** stated for CAN members to remember CAN in their year-end giving. We need to raise about \$1,000 to help support CAN this coming year.
- e. **Celebrate Children –** The Prosecutor's Office provided \$3,000 to purchase t-shirts. . The YMCA provided \$2,000 to have it "Healthy Kids Day". CAN could have a table. RSVP will staff the table except we will need coverage during the Light of Hope. Sima suggested the Boys Club could help. The next meeting is 11-16 at the ISD.
- f. **Golf Outing – Contact Jim if you can help this coming year.**

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. **Office Space –** Michelle reported the lease is signed and we can start moving items in. Deb will have a printer there. CAN's name is on the door. We now have a visible presence in the community. This is one of the items we need to accomplish to move to tier II. If you need to use the CAN office please contact one of the officers.
- b. **CTF –** Remember to check the Children's Trust Fund box on your state income tax form to donate.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Nancy Thompson from the Great Start Collaborative provided a presentation on the status of young children in Monroe County.

XI. **NEXT MEETING**

Monthly Meeting – January 9, 2008 at 9:00 AM United Way Building
Executive Board Meeting – March 12, 2008 8:00 AM –United Way

****If Monroe Public Schools is closed due to bad weather the CAN Council meeting will also be cancelled.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary

HAPPY HOLIDAYS.