



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Carlton Korzeniewski - Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool - Monroe County Youth Center, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Janet Crego – Monroe County Opportunity Program, Jodi Truel – Camp Fire USA, Hwa Stacy – YMCA, Pat Kosanovich – CAC, Andrew Lewandoski- Monroe Mental Health, Kris Henry – MCETD, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Dot Stacy – CASA, Doug Redding – MCISD, Marije Lajiness – Holy Cross Boysville, Bill Geddes – Holy Cross Boysville, Jamie Leizerman – MCHD, Megan Schultz – Children’s Center, Bill Nichols – Prosecutor, Chris Todd – ISD, Kaye Lani Wilson – Gabby’s Ladder, 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 9:16 am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Way – The Campaign kick off is this coming Friday. All are welcome to attend.

ISD – Chris T. reported the Little One Luau is taking place Oct. 19th. Info was passed around. They need volunteers to help.

Prosecutor’s Office – Bill N. reported they hired Jennifer Slaten to help with child abuse cases.

Youth Center – Jim V. reported on their cognitive behavior training.

MI Works – Kris H. reported their job fair is Oct. 4th.

Camp Fire – Jodi T. reported they received a donation of stuffed animals for preschoolers. If you have preschoolers they can read too they will provide stuffed animals to them. Contact no. is 240-2840.

Center For Philanthropy – Doug R. reported through the Community Foundation’s Center for Philanthropy he along with Sandie Pierce are doing a How to Write Grants Workshop – 2nd class is in Oct.

YMCA – Hwa S. reported they are having doing We Partner with America on the Move for the month of September. Please go to the website to sign-up. The Corporate Cut is next weekend. They are hiring an associate executive director and a physical director.

State Police – Jim J. reported they have \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart for car seats. The car seat check takes place on 9-29. Jim thanked Heather for all of her hard work.

Gabby’s Ladder – Kaye Lani W. reported their fall workshops start 10-2.

Community Foundation of Monroe County – Kris reported the next round of grant applications is due Oct. 15th. The youth group also takes applications monthly. Kris talked about the Chamber of Commerce’s Buy Local Campaign.

III. MINUTES – Motion by Connie Carroll and supported by Janet C. to accept the August 8, 2007 meetings minutes as typed.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT: Michelle reported Dave L. has resigned from the Treasurer’s position due to time constraints. The Board appointed Deb Brescol to fulfill the remainder of the Treasurer’s term. We are now looking for a new Finance Chair. Deb reported the revenue for the month was \$11,261.00; expenses were \$12,083.89 with a total of \$10,620.13 in the accounts. Treasurer’s Report is placed on file.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education and Advocacy – Chris T. reported: State Farm may have some grants. They are researching.

b. Political Action – Bill N. reported: There is new legislation for sexual assault and nurse examiners that has passed the House. Bill will keep us posted. Bill sent the letter to the State on the polygraph issues. The issue of prioritizing all foster care. Bill will check on this.

c. Member Services – Janet C. reported: The annual meeting will be a breakfast this year on October 10th at 8:00 am at the Country Club. The committee is asking everyone to be a supporter this year.

d. Finance – Deb B. reported: The Board approved \$115.00 for the Great Start Parent Coalition Luau to have CAN provide the raffle license and a basket for a cost not to exceed \$115.00. We are going to pay out the \$3,000 provided by Visteon for Babynet books. The budget for the 2007-08 year has been approved by the Board and will be presented at the Oct. meeting. Deb discussed that one of the new items in the budget is occupancy for one year. This will help us get to tier 2, we can add a phone line through RSVP and have a couple of volunteers come in during the week to assist us. This will also help with all of the CAN items being in one place. We will work on getting a donated computer. With Celebrate Children this year the Board decided to provide our \$300 donation as in-kind as we are their fiscal agent and they do have funds left over from last year. The Board also approved to support CAC, CASA, and Babynet. The Board reviewed the 990 at the Board meeting. If anyone wants a copy they should see Deb.

e. CAC – Pat K. reported: The garage sale brought in \$2,100. CAC is doing an educational grant with the ISD. Anyone is welcome to attend. They received \$3,000 from the Prosecutor’s Office. Doug thanked the CAC for doing a great job.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Dot reported: The Mom-to-Mom Sale brought in \$1,000. Nov 7th in the fashion show. They are looking for table sponsors.

b. Professional Development – No report.

- c. Parenting Conference* –Targeting education and this has been assigned to Education & Advocacy Committee to work on.
- d. Fundraising –Executive Board* – No report.
- e. Celebrate Children* – Next meeting is scheduled for October 4th at the ISD at 1:00.
- f. Golf Outing –Deb and Jim reported:* The revenue for the golf outing was \$10,261.00; expenses were \$5,353.19, with a net of \$4,907.81. This is an increase from last year. The golfer numbers were up, raffle sales were up, hole sponsors were up. Deb thanked Bill Nichols for gathering additional golfers. The next golf outing is scheduled for August 29, 2008 at Giant Oaks.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

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 – November 14, 2007 at 9:00 AM United Way Building
Executive Board Meeting – December 12, 2007 8:00 AM –United Way

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

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary