



## **CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF September 10, 2008**

### **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** Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Connie Carroll – United Way, Dot Stacy – CASA, Jim Vanderpool – Youth Center, Doug Redding – ISD/CFMC, Deb Brescol, RSVP, Carlton Korzeniowski, Department of Human Services, Kaye Lani Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Bill Nichols – Prosecutor’s Office, Andy Lewandoski, Monroe County Community Mental Health, Heather Kookosky, MCOP, Pamela Lynch, Monroe County Health Dept., Kris Henry, MI WORKS!, Tracy Boudrie, American Red Cross, Lynn Gluvna, Child Care Network, Charles Justice, FCSS, Jeremy West, Salvation Army, Jodi Truel, Camp Fire USA, Melodie Brooks, CAC/Rape Crisis, Molly Moore, CAC/MMHS, Mary Kapp, Michigan State Police, Doug Redding, ISD/CF, and Jennifer Ewen, Prosecutor’s Office.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Kapp-Michigan State Police** –

car seats have been donated through the Sheriff’s department and will be distributed at Monroe DPS on Jones Ave. on September 25. Also will hold training for seat installation for the professionals September 25-27 thanks to sponsorship from the United Way, CAN and MMHS. Car seats will be given away at Hardwood on September 27.

**Carroll- United Way of Monroe County** –Are you Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, October 18, 2-4 PM at River Raisin Centre for the Arts, family event.

**Wilson** – Gabby’s Ladder running regular counseling sessions.

**Justice** – Family Counseling and Shelter Services is starting Anger Management for Adolescents.



**Vanderpool** – Youth Center has completed first session of Second Chance (dog care and training program). And the students have built a replica of the River Raisin Battlefield for display at the Museum.

**Gluvna** – Child Care Network is starting Parenting Classes

**Truel** – Camp Fire USA has changed their name to Camp Fire of Southeast Michigan. Camp Fire reunion October 12.

**Lynch** – Thanked the council for the purchase of the Lice Mister Combs.

**Redding** – Community Foundation is hosting a Steak Roast Fundraiser for Access to Recreation.

**Korzeniowski** – DHS is starting a family to family program which will create some changes to the child welfare program.

**III. MINUTES** – Motion by Redding to accept the August 13, 2008 meetings minutes.  
CARRIED

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deb B. reported \$ 10,001.12 available to CAN. Report placed on file for audit.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Education and Advocacy** – No report

b. **Political Action** – **Korzeniowski** reported that there is a push for funding from a settlement to go to DHS in order to hire more caseworkers to help protect children.

c. **Member Services** – Need a new chair Carroll reported that the annual meeting will be held as a breakfast on October 8 at the Monroe Golf and Country Club at 8:00 AM. Brescol with work on invitations.

d. **Finance** – **Brescol** – Motion was passed at the executive board meeting to present the 2008-2009 budget to the full membership at the annual meeting in October for passage. It was suggested that we consider doing a street collection in April of 2009. Many options were discussed regarding who we can get to help collect money e.i. Kohl's, DTE Energy – were we can also get a donation for using their employees as volunteers. RSVP will make green/orange vest for safety.

c. **CAC** – **Brooks** reported that she is the new director and that they have a full Board.

## **VI. OTHER REPORTS**

a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** – **Dot S. reported:** Annual Fashion Show scheduled for October 29 at 6 pm, tickets are \$50 each.

b. **Training** – No Report

c. **Fundraising** –

d. **Celebrate Children** – **April 25, 2009**

e. **Golf Outing** – August 29 – raffle raised \$1003 with a profit of \$665. Estimated earnings are \$3141 -- down \$2000 from 2007 – less golfers, less hole sponsors, and less raffle tickets sold.



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## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

Tier II Grant has been approved.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Brescol and Carroll will be attending CTF training on October 15 in Lansing. Encouraged Redding to go because of training being offered to support the transition to a Tier II Council. MOTION by Brescol to cover related costs – CARRIED.

## **X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Backpack give away is August 15 in Bedford 4-8PM at the Francis Family YMCA Monroe at ALCC on August 16 was a huge success and greatly appreciated by the families receiving backpacks.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting –October 8, 2008 at 9:00 AM Monroe Golf and Country Club.  
Executive Board Meeting –December 10, 2008 8:00 AM –United Way**

Respectfully submitted by Connie L. Carroll