



of **Monroe County, Inc.**
P.O. Box 501 ■ Monroe, MI 48161

Local Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse & Neglect Council for the State of Michigan

CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF September 13, 2006

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: Janet Crego, Monroe County Opportunity Program, Denise Gray, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Trooper Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police Department, Amara Hunter, Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office, Aimee Nimeh, Monroe County Mental Health Authority, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health Authority, Pam Barker, Member at Large, Carlton Korzeniowski, Monroe County Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, George Birkam, Holy Cross Children Services, Sandra Hall, Catholic Charities Headstart, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Kaye Lani Rafko-Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Kathleen Bruce, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Hwa Stacy, YMCA, Lynn Gluvna, Child Care Network, Kris Theisen, Community Foundation, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Traci Boudrie, American Red Cross, Judge Pamela Moskwa, Monroe County Probate Court, Helen Davis, Child Advocate, Patricia Poupard, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, Pam Lynch, Monroe County Health Department, Amy Hammons, Monroe Count Intermediate School District, Melissa Clay, Social Worker Monroe Intermediate School District, Gloria Jukuri, Monroe County Intermediate School District – Mason, Mike Boczar, Monroe County Sheriff Department, and Sima Haghpassand, Monroe County Intermediate School District.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME –President Michelle Brahaney, presiding.
Welcomed new attendee –**Amara Hunter**, Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Csokasy – Suicide Vigil will be held in Loranger Square at 5:30PM on September 21, 2006
Hemple – MSU has hired a second instructor who will be starting home visits soon.

Jarrett – ALCC Back to School event was a big success with OMNI purchasing school supplies. The Substance Abuse Collation has two programs coming up on Thursday, September 28 at ISD, 1:30 PM and again at 6:30 PM.

Bruce – FCSS has dropped the Rape Crisis program.

LaMontaine – CAC is considering picking up the Rape Crisis Program.

Davis- Introduced the idea of a program to support children of parents who are incarcerated. Information was distributed.

Moskwa – Family Drug Court received a grant to attend training in Colorado.

Wilson – Jan Baden is doing well and hopes to return to work after the first of the year. New fall programs will start October 3. They have a new grief activity coloring book.

Theisen – Community Foundation are seeking grant request until October 15.

Carroll –United Way has started their annual campaign.

III. MINUTES –of the August 9, 2006 meeting were approved as typed.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Theisen provided written reports

Balance	\$	13,406.34
Checking	\$	7,647.39
Savings	\$	6,769.72

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education and Advocacy – Herkimer – No Report

b. Political Action – Nichols/McCarthy – Legal questions can be emailed to Nichols for discussion at the meetings. Brahaney and Nichols will work toward setting up a candidates forum this year.

c. Member Services –Annual Luncheon will be held on October 11 at 11:45 AM at the Monroe Golf and Country Club. Slate of officers: President, Michelle Brahaney, Vice President, Connie Carroll, Secretary, Kris Theisen, Treasurer, Dave LaMontaine

d. Finance – Brescol –2006-07 Proposed Budget will be presented for final approval at the Annual Meeting.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) –Stacy –Annual Fashion Show on October 25. Tickets are available. Currently recruiting new class of volunteers. They start including a full page of information on CAN in the CASA. CASA stats: 66 kids, 28 children’s cases closed, 6 adopted, 18 returned to parents, 2 age out, 2 permanent foster care.

b. Child Advocacy Center –LaMontaine- reported that they have a New Board and lots of activity. Many grants pending.

c. Professional Development –Corie –No Report.

d. Parenting Conference – To be held in spring of 2007- committee is currently working on bringing in a professional speaker and holding it at the Monroe County Community College.

1. *e. Fundraising –Executive Board* – Csokasy will request funding for babynet from a variety of sources. Suggested we find sponsors for line items on the budget and special events (parenting conference, celebrate children and others). Zagorski has continued to work with Ms. Wilson from Automated Holding, LLC, (formerly Visteon) to seek a grant. This grant is currently on hold. Need to determine effective way of counting volunteer hours for in-kind match (Brahaney will follow up with CTF).

f. Celebrate Children – Set for April 28, 2007 –On ISD website

g. Golf Outing – Brescol – September 1, 2006 – Raised \$5785 to date –raffle alone raised \$1551.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan

1. *True community coordination to address needs.*

a. Working on renewing the Bubbylonian program

- b. Working on Celebrate Children
- 2. *Consistent flow of services*
 - a. Working on up dating CAN brochure
 - b. Working on up dating Sexual Abuse Handbook
- 3. *Parenting training in high school setting.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

- a. Doug Redding, ISD, distributed survey results on who provides children services in Monroe County.

XI NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –November 8, 2006 9:00 AM United Way Building
Executive Board Meeting – December 13, 2006 8 AM –United Way Building



Connie L. Carroll, Secretary

***Supporting Members of the
 Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County***

Milk & Cookies Supporter

- Patricia Poupard
- Pam Barker
- LaVoy & Zagorski, P.C.
- Judge Joe & Amy Costello
- Judge Pamela Moskwa
- Hwa Stacy

Macaroni & Cheese Supporter

- Kris Theisen
- Janet Crego
- George Birkam
- David Taylor
- April Corie

Peanut Butter & Jelly Supporter

- Dot Stacy
- M.P. Patrick
- Douglas Redding

Other:

- Tony Brescol