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**Parents Matter Coalition Meeting  
Pierre/Fort Pierre  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Avera/St. Mary's Conference Room**

Members in attendance: Ruby L. Douglas (Project Director), Dawn Tassler (Fiscal Officer), Jan Johnson (Urban Indian Health, Substance Abuse). Elton Blemaster (Law Enforcement) Tito and Cheryl Arguello (Faith/Religious), Amy Beshara-Fowler (Youth Org.) Colleen Weiss (Member) Larry Weiss, (Chair), Barb Rohrbach (Parent), Denice Moore (Other), Rob Coverdale (School), Whitney Jandreau (Member, Head Start) Carmella Bourk(Health), Kat Harstad (Teen Court, Member).

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Larry called for a motion to accept the minutes and the consent calendar as printed. Colleen motioned to accept and Amy seconded the motion. There being none opposing, the motion passed.

Larry, a member of the Teen Safety Driving Task Force, presented a power point update on Legislative Bills, 105, 106, 107 and 225. (See attachment for details).

Ruby provided information on the Prevention State Meeting stating that there will be changes coming in the near future. Prevention funding will look differently in 2015 but, is an exciting time to be working in the field as the changes will be more in align what is happening in other states and at the Federal Level. Coalition members will have more autonomy and more of a voice in the decision-making process in coalition work.

There are several opportunities that are available for Coalition members.

- In the next few weeks, the Workplan for the 2014 year will need to be updated. Anyone wishing to help with this is asked to contact Ruby. She will send out a copy of the workplan for you to review.
- The Statewide Alcoholpricing committee met and requested that data/information be collected from the county clerks, etc. on what percent of their budget is spent on substance abuse issues. It would be helpful if we were also able to get the dollars spent on youth treatment, etc.(For our coalition; it will include just Stanley and Hughes) This information/data collection will be helpful in talking to our coalition members, communities, legislators, etc. as to how big the problem is in our area as well as SD as

a whole. Barb Rohrbach has offered to do this. If there are others willing to help with the data collection, please let us know. (224-3189)

- Office of Highway Safety has a Grant Writing Mandatory meeting in Pierre on March 21. This is an opportunity to write for funding to support coalition work. Attached is an e-mail from Pat Engelhart of OHS.
- The Drug Free Communities Grant application will be sent into the Federal Government for consideration in funding Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre and Fort Pierre. With the Sequester and other fiscal challenges; it has been a difficult process but hopefully, will be well worth the effort.
- Women in Science promote professions in the math and science fields for girls and women. Parents Matter was asked to have a booth at this event. They are expecting 210 participants and are requesting to have materials to them by April 23. (Conference is April 30). If you have an idea for a slogan, materials or to help with the event for the young ladies (Middle School through High School), please call: 224-3189
- Strengthening Families Training will be held on March 19,20 and,21. If your group would like to schedule a class please let us know: 224-3189.
- Parents Matter Coalition has also been asked to host the Voices for Children Coffee at the Chamber of Commerce at April 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon. If you are able to attend, help set up/take down chairs, etc.; it would be greatly appreciated.
- EVERYONE "PURPLE UP" on April 12<sup>th</sup> to honor our military families. Great idea.
- If anyone has a message for the Prom/Graduation season; please let us know and we will work with the school in getting the message out to the parents.

Thanks!

(all the above information was included in your meeting packets)

Capt. Blemaster gave an update on the arrest reports and the recently completed compliance checks. Elton did say that one business did fail the compliance check for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and would probably be shut down by the Department of Revenue for 15 days.

Elton also presented two photos of youth with the licenses colored in red (indicating that the person was not 21) and blue colored license for someone who is 21. It has made it easier for clerks, etc. to check the ID of the people to ensure that they are not selling to underage people.

Whitney Jandreau, HeadStart, had passed out surveys to be completed by the group. If you haven't done so yet, please fill the survey out as soon as possible and get it to Whitney.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Wednesday, at Noon on April 10, 2013, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Avera/St. Mary's Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruby L. Douglas, Project Director