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**Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre
Avera St. Mary's Hospital
5th floor conference room, Pierre, SD**

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2015

Opening

Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre met at 12:00 on August 12, 2015 in Pierre, SD.

Present

Jeri Thomas(KGFX) Barb Rohrbach (Secretary, Parent Sector), Larry Weiss(President), Diana Melvin(Business Sector,) Elton Blemaster(Law Enforcement, At Large Board Member), Amy Boutchee(School Sector), Denice Moore(Vice President), Michelle Bowman(Substance Abuse Sector), Melissa Forest(Guest-Teen Court), Dianna Knox(Ft. Pierre Counselor-Guest), Linda Schumacher(Guest-CAC's), Jana Strenger (Guest –CACS).and Ruby L. Douglas (Project Director)

Chairman Larry Weiss called the meeting to order.

Denice Moore made a motion to approve the May Minutes and Approve the Meeting Agenda, this was seconded by Diana Melvin. All were in favor.

The Back to School Media Campaign will be released August 22nd. Cindy Bahe has put together an Anti – Bullying Campaign and an Anti-Alcohol campaign. Both are scheduled to be released early Fall.

The”Mission Possible” activity will be completed by the coalition participants and turned into Ruby by September 1st. These questions will be asked of community members. These will be collected and put into the newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed every other month.

Positive Action Program was discussed. The USDOE Evidence Based Program and Office of Juvenile Justice Program and SD Dept. of Corrections provided trainers from the West Coast to provide this training to school counselors across the State. Since Ft Pierre Counselors attended the training they received \$2,500 worth of curriculum. Greg Munson, PA, recommended what lessons to implement in the Stanley County schools. They were: Bullying, Conflict Resolution, School Climate (Elementary and Secondary), 3rd grade and 6th grade curriculum and two Counselors packet. There will be a process of reporting for evaluations and Barb will be collecting the data. The next step will be to write a grant

to implement the multi-faceted curriculum for the families and the community. The selected pilot sites for the PA curriculum are Aberdeen, Watertown and Sturgis. Ft Pierre is implementing this as well, but not considered a pilot site. A survey will be completed at both school districts. Ft Pierre will be using PA and Pierre the Pride Survey.

Parents Matter is looking for Sector member slots to be filled. They are: Religious/ Spirituality, Youth Serving Organization, and Youth Member. Suggestions were made and will report to Ruby to be presented to the Board Members for consideration/selection.

The arrests reports were discussed by Captain Elton Blemaster. The following were highlighted:
May – 17 for ingesting; 15 – possession of marijuana and Underage Consumption of Alcohol – 10.
June – 17 for ingesting; 14 – possession of marijuana and underage consumption of alcohol – 15
July – 12 for ingestion; 7 – possession of marijuana and underage consumption of alcohol - 18

The arrest reports are only from Pierre. Stanley Co will start to report their numbers as well. It would be ideal to have the Sherriff's Dept, Highway Patrol, Game and Fish and Police of Hughes Co to report. In the months of Nov/Dec are a lot of Christmas parties – very high numbers. In January numbers are low. Underage is falling and marijuana is getting higher.

The suggestion was given to have Dr. Huber come back to the Coalition meeting to discuss what happens in the ER room when using alcohol and narcotics. Synthetic marijuana use is reported to be on the rise.

The next meeting will be September 9th.

Elton made the motion to adjourn and Ruby seconded it.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Rohrbach, Secretary