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

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015

Opening

Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre met at 12:00 on May 13, 2015 in Pierre, SD.

Present

Cassidy Fosheim,(Youth Sector Member Representative) LeAnne Fosheim,(Guest) Jeri Thomas (KGFY Radio Group), Brenda Hemmelman, Barb Rohrbach(Secretary and Parent Sector Member Representative), Larry Weiss (Chair and President), Diana Melvin(Business Sector Member Representative), Norma Tibbs(Fraternal Organization Sector Member Representative) Ginger Neiman(Community/Bush Foundation Representative), Captain Elton Blemaster(Law Enforcement Sector Member Representative), Kevin Larson (KCCR Radio Group), Carmella Bourk(Health Care Sector Member Representative) , Diane Inch (Oahe Rural Health Clinic), Kelly Glodt(School Sector Member Representative), Amy Boutchee(Riggs Principal), Denice Moore(Vice President), Michelle Bowman(Substance Abuse Sector Member Representative).

Chairman Larry Weiss called the meeting to order.

Barb Rohrbach made a motion to approve the March Minutes and Approve the Meeting Agenda, this was seconded by Denice Moore. All were in favor.

1. Announcement and Presentation of Grant Award

Ginger Neiman, SD Community Foundation, awarded Larry Weiss, Chairman of Parents Matter with a check for \$8,000. Ruby and Barb wrote a grant to the SDCF in partnership with the Bush Foundation. This money will be used for funding of the Pride Survey Social, Emotional and Bullying Behavior Survey for Grades 6-9, an anti-bullying media campaign including Internet Safety, social media etiquette, cyberbullying, conflict resolution, relational aggression, ,etc. and increasing the Coalition membership capacity to help with the work. (Transition grades at 6th grade and 9th grade)

2. State Budget Allocation, PM itemized Budget, Workplan and Contract

Parents Matter sent in their budget request on May 8th for \$46,040. The work plan for next year was included. This includes the 25% cut and actually 50% cut from 2 years ago. If approved the money will be released June 1, 2015.

Parents Matter was reviewed by the State Department in April, 2015. Out of 84 possible points, PM received 75 which was a 89.3%. The review went very well. Minor items were noted for a plan of correction. The Treasurer report reflected that the Ft Pierre City Commission allocated PM \$700 at each quarter for a total of \$2,800/year.

3. Update on State Prevention Network Statewide Alcohol Harm Coalition Partnership

A summit is tentatively planned for late June. The coalitions have a voice to reduce Alcohol Harm in SD. If there are alcohol impact fees to be distributed, it is hoped that prevention will receive some of this. Estimates on Alcohol Sales by County were distributed.

4. Arrest Report

Elton didn't have any handouts or numbers to report. He did say that he has seen an increase in drug use. There was a small discussion of bullying amongst teens and social media. Dianna Melvin said there is an app called yik yak in which youth can anonymously bully one another. Amy Boutchee reported that the school emailed all the parents regarding the app and she and Dr. Glodt felt the "parents" did an awesome job getting this app off of their children's phones.

5. Recognition and Presentation to Seniors, Cassidy Fosheim and Matt Darnall.

Cassidy was recognized for her hard work and dedication to the Coalition. She assisted Ruby and the evaluation team in developing graphs and charts with the data coalition members had collected. Matt Darnall was recognized for his computer assistance. Larry provided them with a card and money.

6. Meetings

There won't be meetings in June or July as there are trainings and meetings for coalition members, counselors, teachers, etc. which will be held. Our next meeting will be held noon, August 12, 2015.

Other:

7. Amy Boutchee told the coalition members that CACS and Teen Court have been doing a "rally" for the last three years on anti-bullying. In October they will be having this during the school hours for 6th grade students. She thought possibly that Parents Matter would like to help out with this activity. She realized PM doesn't have money but possibly with speakers etc. Larry did comment that with the SDCF grant PM could help out and that we are concentrating on 6th-9th grade.

Larry mentioned that DSS wants the PM Coalition to become service providers. He feels would be competing with our providers. Dr. Glodt felt that our money is going down, how could we possibly provide service. Michelle Bowman stated her employment is a service provider to Native Americans and whites. Diane mentioned as a nurse, if she provides services off her work time she could get it for malpractice. So the consensus was to stay as a coalition.

Dr. Glodt moved we adjourn and Michelle Bowman seconded.

Sector Member Representatives: *Captain Elton Blemaster, Carmella Bourk, Amy Fowler, Dr. Kelly Glodt, Andrea Knox, Michelle Bowman, Cindy Bahe, Diana Melvin, Barbara Rohrbach, Norma Tibbs and Cassidy Fosheim*



