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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening**

Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre met at 12:00 on December 9, 2015 in Pierre, SD.

**Present- Introductions**

Ruby L. Douglas, (Project Director), Diane Inch (Secretary), Tom O'Boyle(Stanley Co. Schools), Larry Weiss, (President). Amy Fowler (Treasurer). Carmella Bourk, (Health Rep.) Cindy Bahe (Media Rep.), Melissa Forest (Teen Court), Michelle Bowman (Substance Abuse Rep.), Brenda Hemmelman (DOE, Parent) and Elton Blemaster (Law Enforcement Rep.)

**Approval of Consent Calendar**

Amy made a motion to approve the October Minutes and Approve the Meeting Agenda, this was seconded by Diane Inch. All were in favor.

**III. Recognition of Parents Matter Incoming Officers on the Board of Directors**

Ruby introduced Treasurer, Amy Fowler and Secretary Diane Inch. Cindy Bahe took a photo of the incoming officers. See photo below.

**IV. Arrest Report**

Elton reported that a total of 104 alcohol and drug arrests were made for the month of November. Thirteen of those arrests were underage. There were 67 total drug arrests. Discussion ensued regarding what types of drugs were being seen in this area. Elton stated that it is basically alcohol, Marijuana, Meth, Inhaling Gas and Keyboard aerosol cleaners. Alcohol use by youth is down while drug use has gone up. Good news is that hotels, etc. are not renting to anyone under 21. It has been effective in decreasing partying. Ruby asked if there was an increase in Heroin use in our area. Elton replied not that he was aware. Cindy asked Ruby if there was some funding available for a anti-meth media campaign. Ruby stated that there were no funds available. The State contract is dedicated to reducing underage drinking and also Community Foundation Funds were dedicated to Anti-Bullying Efforts. Michelle offered that her agency had funding for addressing domestic violence and meth use. Ruby asked if there was a possibility of using some of the "violence" funding for the anti-bullying in the St. Co. School to use for parent education/training in January in the Positive Action Curriculum. Michelle

stated that would be a possibility if we made sure that the Native American population was included in the programming.

**V. Preliminary Discussion was held in regards to Pride Surveys and PA Programming in Fort Pierre.** Ruby stated that the meeting was held on December 8, in the Conference Room with several people in attendance. The discussion centered around evaluation and providing surveys in order to collect the data for the Evaluators. Ruby also stated that the TLE Surveys will be scheduled with the Fort Pierre School and also, the Pierre Schools to help them with planning and staff management.

Ruby reiterated that the Pride Risk and Protective Factor Surveys for students in grades 6-12, will no longer be purchased and administered by Parents Matter. Each School will have to fund that as the Coalition no longer has funding to do so.

Next meeting is in January( Larry will be absent and Elton will be leading the meeting). The Coalition will be held in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Noon on Wednesday, January 16th. Everybody is welcome to attend and invited to bring a friend.

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

