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Avera St. Mary's Hospital
5th floor conference room, Pierre, SD
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Meeting Minutes

Opening

Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre met at 12:00 on January 13, 2016 in Pierre, SD.

Present- Introductions

Ruby L. Douglas, (Project Director), Brenda Hemmelman (Parent-DOE), Katie Tostenson (Prevention, State of SD), Rilee Rowse (Student), Drew Plooster (Student), Gaye Granville, (Guest), Scott Granville (Guest), Barb Rohrbach (Parent), Amy Fowler (Treasurer), Cheri Rowse (Parent), Justin Rollins (Advisor, Senator Rounds, Guest Speaker), Elton Blemaster (Law Enforcement) and Jodi Berscheid (Oahe Child Development Center).

Absent: Chair Larry Weiss, Vice President Denice Lee Moore, and Secretary Diane Inch.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Meeting was called to order by Elton Blemaster. Elton made a motion to approve the December Minutes and Approve the Meeting Agenda, this was seconded by Ruby L. Douglas. All were in favor.

III. Guest Speaker: US Senator Rounds' Pierre Staff, Justin Rollins, Special Advisor:

Elton introduced presentation speaker Justin: Presentation and Points on the Title IV, Part A of the "Every Child Succeeds Act" (ESSA). Specifically, the sections that referred to community-based, prevention efforts. The gist of the presentation centered around the section 4108 as reported by CADCA:

This week Congress passed and the President signed into law S. 1177, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a landmark reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – the first time since 2001's No Child Left Behind – which includes several crucially important provisions regarding substance abuse prevention that CADCA and its members advocated hard for over the course of nearly one year. **Substance Abuse Prevention Provisions Included in the Every Student Succeeds Act:** The final version of S. 1177 that was signed into law by the President included almost all of the provisions that CADCA and its members had advocated for throughout the past year in the bill's Title IV, 21st Century Schools:

- inclusion of the words "drug use and abuse" in relevant sections throughout Title IV, which had not been included at all in the original draft of the bill;
- additional language to the purpose section of Title IV as well as throughout the title for grants to States and local educational agencies to include "foster[ing] safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement";
- further definition of drug prevention to include "raising awareness about the consequences of drug use that are evidence-based"; and
- requiring local educational agencies (LEA) to use at least 20% of student support and academic enrichment grant funding for drug and violence prevention

This is a massive achievement for the field of substance abuse prevention, and for CADCA and its members. The ESSA will now provide funding for evidence-based drug prevention in schools that will help every community in America to be safe, healthy, and drug-free. With the elimination of funding for the state grants portion of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program in FY 2009, there has been almost no federal funding for school-based drug prevention. The passage of the ESSA does not appropriate a specific amount of money towards drug prevention, but its requirement for LEAs to use at least 20% of academic enrichment grant funding, will result in vital federal education funding for school-based drug prevention. Without CADCA's advocacy efforts on this issue, these provisions addressing substance use prevention would not have been included at all. No other national advocacy organization attempted to address the issues that CADCA brought up; the success of getting these drug prevention measures into the final version of the ESSA can be entirely credited to CADCA and its members. Stephanie Armbrister Strutner, MPH, CPS II, *Executive Director*, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County, in Clinton, Tenn. worked on ESSA with CADCA. She will be honored as an Advocate of the Year award at CADCA's upcoming National Leadership Forum. Strutner told CADCA, "I was thrilled to be asked by (CADCA's Public Policy Consultant) Sue Thau to help share information with my elected members of Congress and their aides which was imperative to our work in the field of substance abuse prevention. Thau and her team do an excellent job setting the stage to make it easy for us, as members of CADCA, to share information in a timely fashion to our elected leaders." Strutner continued, "It was a pleasure to play a role in such an important development in the progress made in the field of substance abuse prevention. The inclusion of specific drug prevention language in the ESEA re-authorization ensures that our efforts, as well as those of our valued partners across the country and within our own communities, will continue to initiate population-level change. Using available data on risk factors, including incidence, prevalence, and perceptions of factors predictive of drug use are critical components which will ensure we develop comprehensive needs assessments that lead us to establish healthy, safe communities."

Justin stated that it was the first major education bill passed in 15 years. At the time of his presentation; the U.S. Department of Education was in the process of promulgating the rules for the Law.

Justin also stated that the funding from the Federal Level will be sent to each state as a Block Grant to the State Department of Education. The States will have more local control but there will be standards and guidelines for the states to apply for the Federal funding.

A question was asked who would be eligible for funding and Justin replied that it would most likely be schools and community-based organizations, such as Parents Matter Coalition. Funding also has tribal implications for culturally based prevention programs. He also referred to the Law as a comprehensive approach under one umbrella, for the Department of Education.

Justin did note that the process of writing the rules, input from the public, etc. is a lengthy process, unlike the RESTORE procedure. It takes time to have everything in place before any funding is distributed. Target date is tentatively set for 2017. Justin delivered a very informative presentation. It was greatly appreciated by the group.

Ruby asked Justin if he would stay in contact with Parents Matter Coalition and CADCA (Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America) as the process moves along. Justin will be added to our e-mail list.

IV. Arrest Report

Elton reported 86 total drug and alcohol arrests for the city of Pierre. 10 were underage drinking violations. 20 of the arrests were for ingestion, 12 ingesting drug/controlled substance as a felony, 15 possession of marijuana and 11 arrests for possession of drug paraphernalia.

V. Discussion of Pride Surveys -Ruby reported that she had just received notice that Needs Assessment had to be updated by April 30th. Diana Melvin is currently in the process of gathering all the outcome data and evaluation reports from the Pride surveys. When that is completed the Coalition will be working on the 2016 Community Report Card and requested assistance in putting the report card together by March 1. This report will be then filed with the State as an update to Parents Matter Needs Assessment submitted last Spring. Ruby also stated that the strategic plan for Parents Matter is due April 30th and would like to schedule a work day after March 1 to edit the current plan.

VI. Other - Ruby stated that she will try and reschedule Rick Vallery for the February 10, 2016 Coalition Meeting. She will be in contact with Rick after he has returned to Pierre. We welcome Rick's presentation on the, "Every Student Succeeds Act".

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