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Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Fort Pierre meeting convened at Noon, January 9, 2013, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of Avera/St.Mary's Hospital. Members in attendance: Theresa Schmidt(parent, health), Amy Beshara (DOE/HIV-AIDS Educator/Youth Risk Behavior Coordinator), Rob Coverdale (Principal –Riggs High School), Bonnie Nickles (St. County Nurses Office), Carmella Bourk (St. County Nurse, Health Representative) Cindy Nickles (new attendee), Laura White (Pierre Area Referral Executive Director, Family Services) Diane Inch (Certified Nursing Physician, Rural Health Care), Elton Blemaster (Capt. Pierre Police Department, Law Enforcement Sector), Cheryl Arguello (Pastor of Lakota Chapel, Religious Sector), Melanie Urich (new attendee), Steve Case, PharmD, Avera/St.Mary's Hospital, guest speaker, Ruby L. Douglas, Projector Director and Dawn Tassler, Growing Up Together, Fiscal Officer for Parents Matter Coalition.

Dawn Tassler called the meeting to order, welcomed the participants and requested everyone introduce themselves.

Ruby called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12th meeting. Diana Inch so moved for approval, seconded by Cheryl. Minutes were approved as presented. Ruby called for the approval of the agenda items. Cheryl made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Theresa seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Steve Case, PharmD, with Avera/St. Mary's Hospital, was introduced as our guest speaker. Steve presented information on the, "Health hazards and deadly combination of using/abusing alcohol, prescription and over the counter drugs". He spoke of alcohol effects on the body: Central Nervous System, Liver, Cardiac, Renal, Immune system and Cancer. Steve also presented information on the Drug Interactions with Prescription Medications, 1) Blood pressure 2) Antibiotics 3)Antipsychotics 4)Antidepressants, 5) Sedatives 6)Narcotic Pain Relievers 7) Warfarin. Over the Counter Drugs (OTC) Medications were also discussed such as: Tylenol doing severe liver damage. Aspirin, Antihistamines Cough and Cold medicines that increase the risk of sedation, dizziness and reduce motor functioning. Steve also touched on several other drugs such as marijuana use and equations to an alcoholic drink and the combination of substances, the anti-medic drugs that suppress vomiting (a body's natural mechanism of ridding itself of chemicals) Cocaine use of alcohol to "come down" but, increases chances of liver problems and that 80-90% of tobacco users also use alcohol. Discussion ensued about prescription drug/doctor shopping and the controls that were in place to monitor the activity. We greatly appreciated the time and the information provided by Steve as the Information about prescription drugs and over the

counter drugs abuse was recorded separately for the first time this year in the Pride Survey Data. Other community data collected indicated that over 63% of the adult population was using some kind of medication/prescription drugs. No indication was made as to what the medications were used for but; it did indicate the accessibility or availability of drugs.

For more information about the Prescription and Over the Counter Drug issue; please access: A short Youtube video about the dangers of prescription drug abuse - in memory of my son Mark. (Phil Bauer)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Miy2Cyvvz4&feature=plcp>

To receive a copy of the video and the toolkit; please contact: The Partnership At a Drug Free.Org – Amy Bloustine, M.Ed., Deputy Director, Community Education Programs.

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Elton reported on the, “Take Back Day” Program and the one coming up in April where people can bring their prescription drugs to be disposed. (Attached please find information regarding the April 27, Saturday event). Also, attached is the December arrest report.

Joyce Glynn also sent information in regards to the “Social Hosting Law” proposal. Please contact Joyce for more information.

The Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Fort Pierre took the first steps to apply for the Drug Free Communities Support Grant transferring the CCR/ORCA registration to the SAM system. More information on the process will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

“The Prime for Life: Under 21” Diversion classes are scheduled for January 21, 22 and 23, 2013 at Riggs High School. The class is limited to 10 youth. Youth 18 and younger must schedule an appointment with Ruby to complete a “SASSI” screening prior to enrolling in the class. Please call:224-3189 to set up an appointment.

Parents Matter Coalition members also will be meeting with the States Attorneys Office to provide information about the evidence based program and the successful outcome measures across the State. Our efforts are to save lives and money by preventing youth from entering into the legal system through the education of youth and their families about alcohol and drug use/abuse. Please visit our website for more information about class dates and schedules: www.parentsmattercsd.com

There being no additional items for discussion; the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby L. Douglas, CPS
Project Director

P.S. Our Chairman, Larry Weiss, sends his regards as he is traveling and sounds like he is enjoying himself. He plans to be back in town on the 24th of January.

Parents Matter Meeting

January 9, 2013

- : D.E.A. "Take Back"

- : September 25, 2010 15 pounds

- : April 30, 2011 45 pounds

- : October 29, 2011 25 pounds

- : April 28, 2012 22 pounds

- : September 29, 2012 30 pounds 137 Pounds = TOTAL

- : General Facts
 - : Legal Drugs only, no contraband will be accepted
 - : Syringes are accepted, as long as needles are covered
 - : Veterinary medicine, Over the counter, all prescription drugs okay
 - : No need to remove labels, privacy protected – not a HIPPA vio.
 - : Prefer no inhalers as they are incinerated

- : Next Scheduled TAKE BACK is April 27, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
This event will be held at the City Hall Commission Room
Contact Detective Dusty Pelle at 773-7413 for any questions

December 2012 Arrest Report

Pierre Police Department

Submitted by Captain Elton Blemaster

D.U.I.:	11
D.U.I. (2 nd):	6
D.U.I. (3 rd):	3
D.U.I. (4 th or more):	0
Zero Tolerance D.U.I.:	0
Open Container in a Motor Vehicle:	8
Underage Consumption of Alcohol:	25
Furnishing Alcohol:	0
Ingesting:	10
Possession of Marijuana (All Charges):	12
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:	10
Possession of a Controlled Substance:	2
Drugs / Alcohol Total Arrests:	87

Proposed Social Host Law

It's is not a Political bill - it's a People bill!

- **This bill will NOT effect any alcohol sales to legal-aged adults.**
 - **This bill does NOT pertain to licensed alcohol retailers.**
 - **This bill does NOT infringe on parents' right to provide alcohol to their own child, in their own home.**
 - **This bill does NOT pertain to adults if they are not knowingly hosting underage drinking on their property.**
 - **This bill does NOT pertain to adults who consume alcohol.**
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- **This bill WILL send a clear message to adults that it is not safe or responsible to knowingly allow youth to drink alcohol, anywhere.**
 - **This bill WILL help to PROTECT the YOUTH and the FUTURE of South Dakota.**

I think this is a perfect time to introduce Social Host legislation. It ties in very well with the Governor's plans for the Criminal Justice system.

The Governor is proposing alternatives to prison sentences for non-violent offences, many of which are alcohol related. His proposal focuses on providing treatment for this type of offender, rather than incarceration.

Prevention efforts have shown to be a very effective tool to lower the need for future treatment services. A social host bill will monumentally enhance prevention efforts.

Science has proven that a person under 21's brain is simply not capable of handling the effects of alcohol, which is what leads to many alcohol related injuries and deaths among our youth.

This does not have to happen. It can stop.

It stops, whenever adults quit providing minors with alcohol and/or places to drink alcohol.

South Dakota currently has laws which address the legal age to purchase and consume alcohol, in safe, responsible and adult-like manners.

The penalties for violating these laws are in place, for both adult and youth offenders.

My proposal for a Social Host law would mirror the current law targeting those who individuals who provide alcohol to minors illegally, and would address the adults who knowingly host parties

including people who are underage.

The consequences for violations would mirror those in current law - a Class 1 or Class 2 Misdemeanor.

The medical field has shown that the younger people are when they first begin to drink alcohol, the more likely they are to experience alcohol addiction as adults.

When people wait until the legal age of 21 to begin drinking alcohol, they are far less likely to ever abuse it and suffer the personal consequences that accompany alcohol abuse.

With a Social Host law, adults will find it more undesirable to host underage drinking parties. They will be more likely to send the only safe and responsible message there is to youth - that it is simply not ok to drink.

This will not only help to save the lives of our youth today, but it will help to insure that they have the future we want for them, and that they deserve.

It will also lessen the burden on society for the costs and consequences associated with alcohol related offenses.

Social Host legislation is not politically motivated. It is people motivated. It is designed to protect the most important people in our society - our youth.

--- Joyce Glynn

Senator Larry Lucas has agreed to sponsor this bill. Your support as a co-sponsor and supporter is greatly appreciated. Please contact him for more information.

If you'd like additional information about what has driven me to support this law, as well as other statewide underage alcohol prevention efforts, you may contact me: Joyce Glynn, 344-2533 (home), 441-5389 (cell) or by e-mail at rjglynn@gwtc.net