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Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre

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

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Opening

The regular meeting of the Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre was called to order at 12:00 on June 11, 2014 in Pierre, SD by Elton Blemaster.

Present

Elton Blemaster (Law Enforcement Sector Representative), Melisa Forest (Teen Court), Tina Freeman (DOT – Auditing), Kari Degreff (Oahe Child Development Center), Jeff Monroe, (Senator) Laura White (Pierre Area Referral Service), Ruby Douglas (Project Director), and Barb Rohrbach (Secretary and Parent Sector Representative). Absent: Larry Weiss, President and Chair.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved. Motion to accept was made by Tina and seconded by Barb.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

New Business

Recognition was given to Tina Freeman and Cheryl and Tito as they move on to other adventures. They both have given so much to the coalition and will be missed greatly.

Fundraising: Silpada Fundraiser was completed in April. Tina presented a check to Elton Blemaster for \$300 to Parents Matter.

Ruby gave the coalition an update on state funding, contract and workplan. PM will be receiving funding for a four month contract with Department of Social Services, Community Behavioral Health, Prevention Program.. October 1 we will know if additional funding will be given.

The Pierre/Fort Pierre Community Outcome Report Card was reported on by Ruby. She covered the following topics: Ways of Accessing Alcohol, Barriers to Enacting Alcohol Policies, What Our Law Enforcement Is Reporting, Possession/Ingestion/ What Our Youth Are Reporting regarding availability, perception of Harm, and Parental Disapproval, and What Our Judicial System Is Reporting. A discussion was held regarding the Social Hosting law and Laws concerning underage drinking and DUI's. The dismissal of the Judicial System was also discussed. It was brought to our attention that "dismissal" means that what other programs youth were reporting to or what pleas were given. Not that the violations were "dismissed."

Call for DakotaMart receipts and CMCA interviews. The CMCA interviews will be given by PARS and Head Start. A great way to collect hundreds of surveys in a short period of time.

Summer training opportunities were listed. These trainings will help the Workforce Development and more people will be trained in prevention.

The arrest report was distributed. It was noted that 28 arrests were made for underage consumption of alcohol. 77 arrests were made overall regarding drug/alcohol arrests.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm by Kari and seconded by Barb. **NO MEETING IN JULY.** The next general meeting will be a August 13, 2014, at noon, in Pierre, SD.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Rohrbach

Approved by: Ruby L. Douglas