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Parents Matter Coalition Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in the 5th Floor Conference Room of St. Mary's Health Care Center. Attendees included: Ruby Douglas, Elaine Scott, Kellie Shuman, Dawn Marso, Michelle Majeres, Danielle Anderson, Elton Blemaster, Mark Rowen, Jerry Douglas, Cindy Bahe, Cindy Malsam, Colleen Weiss, Cheryl Arguello, Tito Arguello, Kristin Brueggeman, Denise Venner.

Ruby Douglas, Project Director, Parents Matter Coalition, called the meeting to order in the absence of Larry Weiss.

Introductions/Agenda – Motion by Elton to approve the March Minutes and April Agenda. Colleen seconded the motion to approve. Motion was carried to approved the minutes and agenda as printed.

Work Plan Progress – Ruby and Michelle advised that we are right where we should be with funding and progress. We finished 100 one-on-one interviews, which involved many sections of our community. There will be a final report/results on the one-on-one interviews at the Town Hall Meeting, April 16, 2012. The goal at this time is to get people involved and aware of Social Hosting.

Michelle M. - presented information on Cultural Competency. "Respect for differences among cultural groups, continuous self-assessment, expansion of cultural knowledge and attention to the dynamics of difference." Cultural competence operates at the individual level and organizational level

Ruby D. ,Denise V, and Mark Rowen gave update on the training session they attended in Chamberlain "Strengthening Families". Ruby asked if anyone else had been trained in this. Mark R. stated he had been trained. Mark and Ruby agreed that sometime in the future they could collaborate to do this training in our community. It is quite a commitment you need 7 or 8 families with junior high age kids to participate for 2 hours in the 7 sessions. Discussion was held on writing this into our work plan for next year.

Town Hall Meeting – Ruby reported that the committee has had several meetings and preparation is coming along quite nicely. The youth are very much involved and are doing some advertising spots on both local radio stations. There have been a number of door prizes donated for this event. The Town Hall Meeting is planned for April 16, 2012 – 7:00pm – Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Cindy B. – reported on the ads she is working. Cindy has done a wonderful job of doing visual ads to get the message out. She is advertising on River City Transit as well as radio stations and other places making our message visible to the community.

Elton passed out the arrest report and discussion was held.

Meeting adjourned.

Door Prizes (2 copies of the book by Peter Block, “Community: The Structure of Belonging”) were won by Mark R. and Colleen W.

Next Meeting is scheduled at Noon, May 9, 2012 in the 5th Floor Conference Room of St. Mary’s Health Care Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Scott, Administrative Assistant
Parents Matter Coalition