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Parents Matter Coalition Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5th Floor Conference Room of St. Mary's Health Care Center. Attending: Larry Weiss, (Chair) Ruby Douglas, (Project Director) Elaine Scott, (Administrative Assistant) Kellie Shuman, Cheryl Arguello, Tito Arguello, (Religious/Frateral Organization) Laura White, Becky Bowers, Derek Seeley, Amy Beshara, (Volunteer) Teresa Schmidt, Jan Johnson, (Substance Abuse) Kelly Glodt and Mike Stroup (School).

Larry W. – called the meeting to order Introductions were made.

Motion made and seconded to accept Consent Calendar and the agenda.

Halloween Hike results: Ruby reported that this was a great event and the Game Fish and Parks did a very good job of organizing and it was a very successful event. They served approximately 1000 children even though it was a very cold evening. All the candy and treats that were provided to Parents Matter by Walgreens, and an anonymous giver, were handed out to the children. The GFP supplied more candy when needed. Pat Englehart of Office of Highway Safety provided balloons and pencils to give away to the trick and treaters. Ruby suggested that we be involved in this again next year.

Prime for Life: Under 21 is an alcohol and drug educational curriculum: The evidence-based prevention curriculum is listed on the National Registry of Prevention Programs (NREPP). This curriculum will become available for youth and their families in January. The Prime for Life curriculum has successful outcomes that have helped participants prevent, understand, and decrease their risk for experiencing alcohol or drug problems throughout life. It is designed specifically for groups that typically make high-risk choices but, is also used for as a primary prevention curriculum. Ruby stated there is not an evidence based drug and alcohol program for youth in Central SD. Ruby has been a certified trainer since 2001 and has taught the class for 7 years both as a Diversion class and also, as a Prevention class in area schools. Ruby will be teaching the classes at the Riggs High School. Larry thanked Kelly and Mike for providing the space and equipment for the classes to be held.

Strengthening Families Program: Ruby explained a little about the program. It is a 7 week session for parents and their middle school youth. The class is held at the 4H Regional Office on Missouri Avenue. You are welcome to come and observe the classes.

Suicide Prevention Event: Jan reported that Beverly Cobain a nationally recognized speaker, educator, and workshop leader on the issues of youth depression awareness and suicide prevention/intervention will be in Pierre November 20 & 21. She will present her program at all the Middle and High Schools in Pierre/Fort Pierre. There was some discussion about the program. Jan said they are trying to work with all groups involved in this area and they do not to duplicate programs.

Pride Surveys: Mike S. reported that the surveys were handed to the students to complete on November 15. Most have been completed. Ruby said there is a little change on the survey, such as the adding of the prescription drugs questions. . The survey is for 6th thru 12th grade this year. Pride Surveys has also included another “core measure” – peer to peer perception of use, as required by the Federal guidelines.

Drug Free Community Grant (DFC): Ruby reported that 300 applied for the grant and 30 were awarded. Funding for this grant comes from the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

In Cpt. Blemaster’s absence; Larry reported that the Quality Control Checks were conducted: Nine checked all passed. This is checking Identification Cards. Larry also stated that Compliance Checks will be done in the near future.

October Arrest Report: (Is attached) Larry stated although we are doing better than a few years ago, we still have lots of work to do.

Teen Safe Driving Task Force – Potential Legislation: Larry reported that there are several areas they are working on that will be presented to Legislation body when they meet.

Tree @ Capital: Ruby said the tree will be decorated on the 21st. If anyone would like to help please show up we will be on the third floor. Children that attend the SE Pierre Community Center Busy Beeing after school program have made some decorations for the tree. The theme for Parents Matter’s tree is “The Joyous Sounds of Christmas is Children”.

Meeting adjourned.

Thank you to the Dairy Queen for providing “Blizzards.” Please remember to stop in and thank these businesses that help us out.

Door prizes was a book “The DeMarco Factor” winners of the drawings were Larry Weiss, Kellie Shuman, Cheryl Arguello, Derek Seeley and Kelly Glodt.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Scott, Administrative Assistant
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