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Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre

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

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2014

Opening

An informal meeting of the Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre met at 12:00 on October 8, 2014 in Pierre, SD.

Present

Elton Blemaster, Ruby Douglas, Barb Rohrbach

No voting action was taken place, due to no quorum.

Funding update: Due to funding cuts Parents Matter needs to start to do business differently. 25% of the funding was cut to all Coalitions in South Dakota. A strategic planning meeting will be held to talk about the “next steps” for the coalition.

Retirement announced: Ruby is retiring as of November 1st. She will remain in her position as Executive Director on a volunteer basis. Her hours will be flexible, Monday-Wednesday. She is writing grants to secure funding. Parents Matter is hoping to hire a person to replace Ruby in January-February, this depends on funding. Ruby will train them as a Prevention Specialist.

United Way: Larry and Ruby met with United Way and applied for partnership status in September. October 16th they will be notified if they can apply for funds in January.

Social Emotional Bullying Survey: In order for the Social Emotional Bullying Survey to take place \$1,500 is needed to complete this survey. From the Pride Survey last spring, 79% of the teachers wanted more information on bullying.

CMCA surveys: Laura White, PARS, continues to complete the CMCA surveys with her participants. Thanks to PARS for continuing this service. Also a thank you to Kari Degreff for completing this survey with Head Start parents. This information is very valuable in finding the gaps of knowledge in underage drinking. This tool has helped the community decide where Parents Matter efforts should go.

It allows the coalition to provide technical assistance to the schools.

September Arrest Report: The Arrest Report, showed that it was a quiet month for arrests. 19 total drug and alcohol arrests were made.

Other:

Ruby attended a live webinar “**Mobilizing Change through Collaboration: Strategies to Prevent Underage Drinking**”. This forum was organized by the University at Albany Counseling Center, Division of Student Success, Co-sponsored by the New York Conference of Mayors and the Capital District Regional College Consortium on Alcohol and Other Drugs. The Town Hall Meeting offered national, state and regional perspectives on the critical issue of underage drinking affecting our youth, communities and higher education institutions as well as strategies and best practices to address it. The forum was part of a series of town hall meetings being held across the country in cooperation with SAMHSA.

Dr. Alan Zimmerman will be presenting Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Ramkota, Pierre. This training is through the Bureau of Human Resources and the topic is “**Journey to Extraordinary, Personal Power.**”

Special Announcement:

Everyone is welcome to attend an OPEN HOUSE for Ruby's Retirement on Saturday, November 1, 2014, 2:00-4:00 at Faith Lutheran Church. Please bring a canned item for PARS. (Hopefully, we will need some “muscle” to help transport the canned goods to PARS in which serves the communities of Pierre and Ft Pierre.)

Please join Ruby and give her your thanks for all of her hardwork and dedication!!!!

The next Parents Matter meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at noon.

Sector Member Representatives: Cheryl Arguello, Captain Elton Blemaster, Carmella Bourk, Amy Fowler, Dr. Kelly Glodt, Andrea Klein-Knox, Michelle Bowman, Cindy Bahe, Diana Melvin, Barbara Rohrbach, Norma Tibbs and Cassidy Fosheim.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Rohrbach
Secretary