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Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre monthly meeting was held August 14, 2013, at Noon in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Avera/St. Mary's Hospital. Members and guest in attendance: Ruby L. Douglas, Project Director, Laura White, Pierre Area Referral Service, Cheryl Arguello, Pastor of Lakota Chapel and Faith/Religious Sector Member Representative, Cheryl was accompanied by her Grand daughter, Angelica. , Barb Rohrbach, Parent Sector Member Representative, Denice Moore, Other Sector Member Representative, Carmella Bourk, Health Sector Member Representative, Kat Haarstad, Teen Court Representative, Michelle Bowman South Dakota Urban Indian Health Agency, Amy Fowler, Civic Sector Member Representative, Dawn Tassler, CEO Growing Up Together/Fiscal Officer, Larry Weiss, Chair of Parents Matter Coalition.

Larry called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve or amend the June Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Cheryl to amend and seconded by Barb. Motions approved. Larry then called for the agenda to be approved or amended. Dawn made a motion to approve as presented which was seconded by Denice. The motion was passed.

Walgreen's of Pierre has partnered with Parents Matter on the Homecoming activities/events. Ruby stated that Jon Heller of Walgreen's of Pierre will be printing/providing coupons (2000) to be handed out at the homecoming parades. The coupons will be redeemable at the Walgreen's of Pierre. The coupon will have both logos and will read:



Teaming Up to "Tackle" Substance Abuse

*Because – It is NOTHING to **SNICKER** at !!*

Please present COUPON for a 1.86 oz "Snickers" Candy Bar or other comparable candy bar – limit ONE OFFER per coupon – NO Cash Value

Redeemable only at Walgreen's of Pierre
Expires November 30, 2013

Thanks to Barb for working up the Coupon and to Jon for printing them. Laura requested that 325 additional coupons be printed to be used for their project. Larry called for discussion on the issue and a motion to approve the request. The request was unanimously approved. Ruby will request another 325 coupons be printed. Sign-up sheets were circulated for assistance with distribution of the coupons for the Homecoming Parade. Kat will be checking with Kellie and the Teen Court Volunteers to help distribute coupons during the Parades.

As part of the Walgreen's partnership; Robert Nichols , Loss Control Manager , will be providing a presentation: **"What Parents Need to Know: Alcohol, Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drugs"**. The presentation is scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 5th Floor Conference Room, Avera/St. Mary's Hospital.

- The event is FREE and for parents and adults only (18 years and older)
- Limited seating is available: call 224-3189 to reserve a seat or e-mail: parentsmatter@pie.midco.net.
- Free Resources and materials will be available
- Refreshments will be served

The Halloween Trek/Trail Event was discussed. This event is hosted by the SD Game, Fish and Parks, at LaFramboise Island the Sunday evening prior to Halloween, which would be October 27, 2013. Amy Fowler provided paper copies of the 8500 items (with Parents Matter logo) which she had ordered for the event. Thank you to Amy and the DOE for providing the educational items for the youth and their parents. Additional printed materials will be provided to parents/adults. Laura will provide plastic bags to have on hand for parents/youth to carry all their "goodies". A sign up sheet was circulated among the group and an e-mail will also be sent in regards to requesting others to assist with the event.

Ruby gave a short update on the status of the grant applications noting that nothing has been heard about the Drug Free Communities Grant. A letter has been received regarding the Bush Foundation Community Innovative Grant. We were not selected but were encouraged to schedule a telephone conference call and receive technical assistance on our grant in order to apply for the grant again in December. Ruby asked if others at the table would be interested in listening in on the conference call and providing assistance in writing the grant.

Administration of the Pride Surveys is scheduled this Fall for both the Fort Pierre and Pierre Schools. There are a couple of new surveys that have been added this year. The Teaching Learning Environment Survey which will be administered to the Teaching Staff to determine their priority needs in order to provide prevention programming. The Administrative/Staff survey will be administered to the Principals, Teachers Aides, etc.(other than the Teachers). The Parent Engagement Survey will include 5 additional questions that are specific to the Parents Matter Coalition work efforts. The student survey (6th-12th grades) will be administered again this year. It is felt that these surveys will provide feedback from various subgroups in the school environment. Parents Matter also will be providing the **E-Check Up to Go** (Anonymous, electronic

educational tool for the community members – 18 years and older). The public can access the **E- Check Up** educational tool on our website: www.parentsmattercsd.com . It is free and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete with instantaneous, individualized feedback. Parents Matter will once again be donating a \$1.00 to the Pierre Area Referral Services for each completed survey.

Larry, in Elton's absence, provided information on the arrest report for the month of July and noted that there were 33 arrests for underage drinking.

Other information: Julie Moore requested that Parents Matter provide information on the Suicide Walk scheduled for September 7th in Pierre. Please call Julie: 224-3152 for more information. Also enclosed in the packets was the Alcohol Pricing Increase information for members to review at their leisure. Too, a new SAMHSA campaign initiative, **"Talk: They Hear You"**, will be implemented in the Parents Matter Fall Campaign.

Parents Matter Coalition will be hosting the presentation by Robert Nichols in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting at Noon on Wednesday, September 11, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, St. Mary's Hospital Conference Room. Again, Robert's presentation, **"What Parents Need to Know: Alcohol, Over-the Counter and Prescription Drugs"**, is free and open to the public to community members who are 18 years of age and older. Please pass on the information to you families, co-workers, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby L. Douglas, MsEd, CPS
Project Director for Parents Matter Coalition
Pierre/Fort Pierre

Parents Matter Coalition Sector Member Representatives: *Cheryl & Tito Arguello, Captain Elton Blemaster, Carmella Bourk, Amy Fowler, Dr. Kelly Glodt, Jeanne Kelle,yAndrea Klein, Janice Johnson, Tony Mangan, Diana Melvin, Denice Lee Moore, Barbara Rohrbach and Jeri Thomas*