

PARENTS MATTER



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Due to cancellation because of weather conditions; the April 10th Parents Matter Coalition Meeting was rescheduled for April 16, 2013 at Noon in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Avera/St. Mary's Hospital. Members in attendance: Larry Weiss, Chair, Ruby L. Douglas, Project Director and Diane Inch, Rural Health Care Provider. The low membership attendance was attributed to meeting conflicts, current impending weather conditions and other meeting/event cancellations. Therefore, several agenda meeting items were deferred for the May Meeting Agenda.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Parents Matter, "A Parent's Guide to Local Laws Associated With Alcohol Use". The Guide is currently under review and awaiting the approval and final edits/comments from the Parents Matter Coalition Sector Member Representatives. The Sector Members were requested to review the guide and return their comments, etc. to Ruby by Friday, April 19, 2013. The final draft was prepared by Barbara Rohrbach and Denice Lee Moore with a publication date targeted for the Prom and Graduation season. However, the publication of the Guide may be as late as June with the intention of public distribution prior to the start of school in August.

Prom media messages developed by Cindy Bahe, Marketing and Media Campaign Consultant, will be running on both radio stations during the Prom Season. Newspaper ads were also scheduled by Cindy. Larry will be contacting Rob Coverdale regarding their Parent Outreach Program and hopefully, will deliver Prom Messages via the telephone messaging system at the school.

"Voices for Children Briefing" Noon Meeting at the Chamber, Friday, the 19th, had been cancelled due to weather. Suzanne Merchant of Voices for Children, will be contacting Parents Matter when they have rescheduled the event. They are tentatively looking at a date in May.

Women in Science Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 30th. at the Ramkota from 9:00 AM-3:00PM. 250 Middle School and High School Girls are expected to be in attendance at the Conference. Parents Matter has provided a sponsorship for the event and will also have members manning a booth during the event.

Larry gave an update on the March Arrest Report prepared by Elton Blemaster. Larry also provided a couple of articles regarding Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

A brief discussion was held in regards to the recent release of the SAMHSA Federal Budget Information for FY 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby L. Douglas, CPS
Project Director

The next Parents Matter Coalition Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013, Avera/St. Mary's Hospital, 5th Floor Conference Room.

Parents Matter Coalition Sector Member Representatives:

Cheryl & Tito Arguello, Captain Elton Blemaster, Carmella Bourk, Amy Fowler, Dr. Kelly Glodt, Jeanne Kelle, Andrea Klein, Janice Johnson, Tony Mangan, Diana Melvin, Denice Lee Moore, Barbara Rohrbach and Jeri Thomas