

# West River Counseling Association

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Hello West River Counseling Association Members,

My name is Karyl Boldt and I am the 2011-2012 WRCA President. This is my second year on the WRCA board and I am looking forward to meeting and working with other School & Agency Counselors in West River South Dakota. I am a Professional School Counselor for the Meade School District. This will be my 6<sup>th</sup> year working in Sturgis. I am currently working at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

I am looking forward to working with all of you as your WRCA President-  
Karyl Boldt

The 2011-2012 WRCA Board has set the following goals for the year-

**Goal 1** is to increase attendance at our quarterly meetings.

We plan to do this by changing the times and the locations of our meetings to accommodate the needs of our members. We would also like to have a speaker present at our meetings on topics such as anxiety, play therapy, depression, etc. We have also discussed having a speaker from CPS/DSS speak on ethical reporting, laws, etc. If you have any other ideas on speakers or if you would like to speak please contact me at [karyl.boldt@kl2.sd.us](mailto:karyl.boldt@kl2.sd.us)

**Goal 2** is to keep our membership numbers up.

This will be done by adding speakers of interest at meetings, offering CEU's to members and meeting any other needs of our members.

**Goal 3** is to keep in better contact with our members through a newsletter or mailing list.

**Goal 4** is to increase SDSU-West River Counseling student participation.

We hope to increase graduate student participation by increasing their knowledge of WRCA and the importance of being affiliated with your professional organizations.

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**Hola, I am Imelda Bratton and I am excited to be the president-elect for WRCA. I have been working in the public schools for 15 years mostly as a bilingual school counselor and for 6 years as a university professor teaching counselor education. Currently, I am a school counselor at Spearfish School District. South Dakota has provided wonderful opportunities for me to be involved in SDCA leadership opportunities and I look forward to the upcoming years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!**

**My name is Anthony Raaphorst. I have been a school counselor with the Kadoka Area School District for six of the past seven years in multiple capacities. I am this year's WRCA Secretary. My job is to take notes at our meeting and make sure everyone knows what is going on. I am excited to be active with WRCA in this position. I believe it is very important for all counselors to be members and active in our professional organization(s). If you have any ideas of what we can do to welcome new members, please let us know.**

**Anthony Raaphorst, MA,NCC**

*My name is Kellie Thomas. I was the 2010-2011 West River Chapter President. This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year working in Meade School District as a professional school counselor. This year I am at Sturgis Elementary and Sturgis Williams Middle School.*

*I am looking forward to continue to be a part of WRCA and helping our new President meet WRCA goals. I am looking forward to seeing and working with the many school and agency counselors who work in West River and helping our new President increase the number of members to WRCA. Last year we increased our numbers significantly, let's do it again. The more we have involved the more we can accomplish. I wish everyone a great year and much happiness.*

*Kellie K. Thomas*