Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Notes

July 25, 2022

Call to Order 4:17 p.m.

* WAY Program, funded by Commerce Group Violence Intervention Strategies Grant and DCYF Gun Violence Prevention Grant – Michelle Lee
  + Final Report: A final yearly report is being completed with the conclusion of the fiscal year in June.
  + Next Grant Cycle
    - WAY currently has no funding past Sept. 2022.
    - A grant application was just submitted for a 10-month grant cycle for $400,000 which is the cost to fund WAY for a year.
  + Meeting with Governor Inslee
    - WAY staff and 2 program participants presented the success of the WAY program to Gov. Inslee on July 19th.
    - Office of the Governor’s Policy Advisor Sonja Hallum set up this meeting in hopes it will lead to additional WAY funds.
* Village Meeting: July 20, 2022 – St Michaels Episcopal Church & Zoom – Strategic Plan Engagement – Felisa Gonzalez
  + 10 attendees participated in an interactive meeting where they were asked to contribute their ideas to accomplishing goals in the Strategic Plan. Responses can be found on the DRC GRIT website in the July 20, 2022 Village notes.
* Next Village Meeting: TBD – Perhaps late August to accommodate site visit from Yakima Youth Leadership researcher
  + Researchers Julie Ann and Nancy Carmona will be in Yakima on August 29th and will extend their visit to present at the next GRIT Village meeting, tentatively on August 30th at 12pm.
  + OIC is a possible meeting location for the next Village meeting.
* Future of GRIT
  + MOU between City of Yakima and DRC concludes on Sept. 30, 2022, and with it the funding to continue the DRC’s work in facilitating GRIT.
  + A search for additional grant funds to continue GRIT is in progress.

Next Steering Committee meeting: August 22, 2022 @ 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Notes submitted by Felisa Gonzalez, DRC