Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Notes

May 23, 2022

Call to Order 4:20 p.m.

* WAY Program, funded by Commerce Group Violence Intervention Strategies Grant and DCYF Gun Violence Prevention Grant – Sarah Augustine
  + Now receiving participant referrals (18-24 years old) from Pretrial. Two referrals are currently participating, and there’s a capacity to serve 2 more.
  + We’re confidant of funding for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, though the RFP has not yet dropped.
* YPD Community Outreach Meeting Analysis
  + The 6 community meetings in east Yakima have been completed; the meetings gave YPD leaders the opportunity to explain to community members how they are addressing violent crime in Yakima and to listen to community input.
  + A draft of the report analyzing the communities’ comments and concerns is being finalized and will be disseminated before the next steering committee,
* Strategic Plan
  + The DRC is participating in a 3-night series of Franklin Middle School Family Engagement Nights, providing outreach materials from a dozen Village member agencies
  + May 12 was night 1. Eleven of the 39 attendees engaged with the GRIT table.
  + Data from the 3 nights will be collected and shared.
* GRIT Village May 18 meeting
  + YPD Chief Matt Murray spoke on the history of, and need for, Project Safe Neighborhood.
  + One of his key takeaways was that proactively addressing Yakima’s high rate of domestic violence will also reduce gang violence.
* Next Village Meeting: July 20, 2022 – St Michaels Episcopal Church – Strategic Plan Engagement

Next Steering Committee meeting: June 27, 2022 @ 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Notes submitted by Michelle Lee, DRC