Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

March 28, 2022

Call to Order 4:25 p.m.

In attendance: Joe Brusic, Tory Adams, Sara Cordova, Danny Herrera, Sara Watkins

* YPD community outreach meetings
  + Last one was at Camp Hope on March 17, specific to the people using its services. There were no complaints issued about police/client relationships
  + Analysis of the outreach meetings schedule to be completed in April
* Strategic Plan
  + Village Meetings survey showed preference for meetings every other month once in person
  + Website – resource information maintenance
* Village meetings
  + Recap from February Meeting
    - Speakers Lee Murdock, Director of the Homeless Network of Yakima County, and Mark James, Executive Director of Rod’s House
    - “To discuss homelessness and gang involvement, we need the facts, and there has not been enough recent research to confidently come to any conclusions. We need more data.”
    - Many of the risk factors for gang involvement also are risks for homelessness; gangs provide homeless youth protection and perceived support.
  + Next: May 18 @ St. Michael’s Episcopal Mission Church – Chief Matt Murray: Project Safe Neighborhoods. Lunch 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Next Steering Committee meeting: April 25, 2022 @ 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Michelle Lee, DRC