Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

April 24, 2023

Call to Order – 4:15 p.m. – Joe Brusic, Jason Delia, Katy Scofield

* Community Needs Surveys – Katy Scofield, OIC
  + Partners: Goal, 15 completed and returned – Actual to date: 22
  + Parents: Goal, 50 completed and returned – Actual to date: 35
  + Youth: Goal, 35 completed and returned – Actual to date: 19
  + The emphasis will be on reaching completion goals by saturating meetings and other outlets with the offer and opportunity for parents, partners, and youth to complete. Incentives to complete them may be offered.
* Community Forums - Katy Scofield, OIC – In June, three forums will be presented by NW Credible Messengers, focusing on the intersectionality of gangs and well-being.
* Bylaws
  + GRIT bylaws are out of date, primarily because GRIT is no longer held by the City of Yakima.
  + The GRIT Charter would also need revision because GRIT is no longer held by the City of Yakima
  + There was discussion around how to revise the charter, acknowledging that the bylaws, based on the charter, could not be revised until the charter accurately reflected the holder of the GRIT organization. There is question as to whether GRIT is held by the DRC or OIC
  + The consensus was, that with the grant being satisfied in approximately 2 months, it would be prudent to wait until the likelihood the grant is renewed with OIC; with renewal/rewriting of the grant, clarification should be made around what roles the organizations hold and language should be incorporated that specifically indicates OIC is the coordinator.
* Steering Committee Meetings
  + The consensus was there is no need for additional steering committees at least until June. At a later date, the steering committee will be notified as to the next meeting date, if any.

Next Village meeting – May 9 @ Noon – Safe Yakima Valley

Meeting ended: 4:55 pm

Meeting notes submitted by Michelle Lee, DRC