Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Agenda

April 25, 2022

Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.

Matt Brown, Michelle Ragland, Tori Adams, Sara Watkins, Sarah Augustine

Updates

* WAY Program, funded by Commerce Group Violence Intervention Strategies Grant and DCYF Gun Violence Prevention Grant – Sarah Augustine
  + Onboarding 12 new participants and carrying over two from the most recent cohort
  + WAY has built a relationship with pretrial, which will refer potential adult participants
* OJJDP Yakima Youth Leadership Program – Sara Watkins
  + As of 1st week of April: 39 students who are either in the program or are using education advocates as mentors
  + 12 students are being onboarded
  + Funds unspent due to COVID conditions are being carried over and will see the program through the end of the year.
  + Funding includes applying for grants and looking at ways other than grants to make the program sustainable
* Community Outreach Meetings
  + The DRC has facilitated conversations between the community and YPD at 6 forums, including at Union Gospel Mission and Camp Hope, to work through appropriate response and to see what the needs and desires are for community policing
  + Analysis of the comments made at the forums is expected by mid-May
* Strategic Plan
  + School outreach: GRIT staff is coordinating with Franklin Middle School Principal Sherry Anderson for a June school function where we plan to provide students and families with GRIT member resource information. Sara Watkins encouraged looping in educational advocates and ESD in to planning and implementation.
* Village meetings
  + Next: May 18 @ St. Michael’s Episcopal Mission Church – Chief Matt Murray: Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Next Steering Committee meeting: May 23, 2022 @ 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 4:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Michelle Lee, DRC