

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Yakima Coordinated Community Response for Domestic Violence Team (DVCCRT) members to formalize a partnership with a shared purpose, and to define roles and confidentiality obligations.

WHEREAS, reducing crime in the City of Yakima is one of Council's priorities; and,

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary coordinated response (DVCCRT) for domestic violence crime has been shown to increase victim safety and confidence; and,

WHEREAS, the Yakima Police Department has organized a group of multidisciplinary partners including Yakima YWCA, Comprehensive Healthcare, Yakima School District, Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Yakima County Probation to work with city departments on a coordinated response for domestic violence. The City DVCCRT works to increase the health and safety of victims of domestic violence and their children by providing enhanced services and holding perpetrators accountable; and,

WHEREAS, each weekday morning DVCCRT members meet to discuss how to provide services and ensure the safety of emergent victims of domestic violence and their children; and,

WHEREAS, the City DVCCRT members have confidentiality obligations under the law, but desire to gather and share information as permitted, and maintain confidentiality for the purpose of furthering DVCCRT shared goals; and,

WHEREAS, each DVCCRT member has reviewed and agreed to the terms of the Partnership Agreement and desires to formalize the partnership relationship as stated in the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Yakima City Council finds that formalizing the City of Yakima DVCCRT partnership is in the best interest of the City of Yakima; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the City of Yakima Coordinated Community Response Team for Domestic Violence Partnership Agreement.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of June, 2022.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk