



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs June through September 2005

I. Committee Updates

- A. **Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ).** [April Corie, Facilitator]. The BARJ full Committee quarterly meeting was held on July 22, 2005. Representatives from each of the BARJ Sub-Committees provided updates. The next full Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2005.

The BARJ Sub-Committee sponsored a three-day Community Conferencing Facilitation training September 6 - 8, 2005. The sixteen individuals who attended the training included juvenile justice professionals, mental health professionals, educators, and faith-based and senior volunteers. Community Conferencing provides innovative and effective community justice and conflict transformation services. The first conference is anticipated to occur in October of 2005. Initially conferencing will be targeted to serve juvenile justice youth and youth experiencing on-going conflict from select schools.

A youth civic engagement presentation is scheduled for November 17, 2005 at the Youth Leadership Day at the Monroe County Intermediate School District. This event hosts 260-300 youth who have been identified as leaders from all nine county school districts. Volunteers from the Civic Engagement Sub-Committee will present to the entire group, and then offer four workshops regarding the development and implementation of a countywide youth volunteerism council. This council will be driven by youth, and supported by ABC volunteers and the Volunteer Action Center at the United Way of Monroe County. The end result will be that youth will develop opportunities for volunteerism in their own communities throughout the county.