



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs December 2004 through February 2005

I. Committee Updates

- B. **Civic Engagement and BARJ Awareness Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] This Workgroup is chaired by Donna Cherba from the Monroe County Youth Center. Membership of this workgroup includes individuals from many community agencies, as well as victim and parent advocates. There have been three meetings of this workgroup: December 17, 2004, January 21, 2005, and February 18, 2005.

The first meeting served as the initial planning meeting. The workgroup determined that it would be important to eventually develop individualized presentations/trainings for increasing community awareness about restorative justice. It was decided that a small workgroup would develop a general BARJ training that would then be tailored for community agencies, law enforcement, and for youth. The workgroup also conducted an inventory of current volunteer and civic engagement opportunities for community youth. It was determined that Rusty Davis from the Volunteer Action Center would be a good addition to the team.

The second meeting was facilitated by Dr. Mark Creekmore who led the group in developing the first part of the logic model plan, the map of civic engagement and BARJ Awareness.

At the third meeting the workgroup reviewed the final version of the BARJ Power point presentation. The workgroup decided to schedule a BARJ training for the first week in April at the MCISD. This training will be open to the existing BARJ Speakers Bureau, new members, and any community member that may be interested in assisting in increasing BARJ awareness. The workgroup also identified that the Volunteer Action Center would be a logical place to centralize civic

engagement opportunities. The workgroup proposed that the Communications workgroup would be helpful in recruiting opportunities for volunteerism.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2005 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Monroe County Youth Center.