



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

I. Committee Updates

- D. **Minority Over-Representation / Gender-Specific / Special Needs Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] This workgroup has met twice: December 13, 2004 and February 4, 2005. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday March 4, 2005 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the United Way. The workgroup consists of members from the Family Court, the MCISD, and Monroe CMHA.

This workgroup has several tasks. The first is to examine significant contact points within the juvenile justice system to determine if there is disproportionate minority

representation. Information on eleven separate contact points has been gathered and has revealed that indeed, Monroe County does have disproportionate minority contacts within the juvenile justice system. The workgroup will further examine these results at the next meeting and develop their recommendations to the Steering Committee.

The second task of the workgroup is to determine the existence and unmet need of gender specific programming in Monroe County. The workgroup is currently reviewing best practice models of gender specific programming to base their recommendations upon. A member of the workgroup is attending a three-day Gender Specific Programming Conference in April.

The third task for this workgroup is to examine the need for programming for special needs youth. The workgroup has reviewed several recent community needs assessments in an effort to identify unmet community needs. The workgroup plans to review best practice programs that have been implemented in other communities as part of their plan development at the next workgroup meeting.