



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs April – June 2006

The implementation of the Active Balanced Community grant for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 began December 1, 2004, following approval from the State Bureau of Juvenile Justice. The second year of the grant began December 1, 2005. Monthly reports are being submitted to the State; the quarterly reports are provided as a formal avenue for keeping the Steering Committee informed of activities, as well as to present challenges that may need to be addressed.

I. Committee Updates

- A. **Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ).** [April Corie, Facilitator]. The BARJ full Committee quarterly meeting was held on April 21, 2006. Representatives from each of the BARJ Sub-Committees provided updates. The next full Committee meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2006.

The Monroe County Mentors mentoring project has made tremendous progress over the last quarter with the hiring of the new coordinator, Lynda Nickelson. The collaborative project, is housed at Arthur Lesow Community Center, administrated by the United Way of Monroe County, and coordinated by the Active Balanced Community Initiative. Initially the mentoring project will serve youth involved with the juvenile drug court and youth who reside in the Lincoln Elementary School District. Several grants have been written to Federal, State, and Local funding sources to support the expansion of the project to serve system involved youth. Procedures for recruitment, screening, training, and matching are being developed and a target date of September 2006 for matches to begin is planned. The group met on May 11th, June 15th, and June 28th.

The Monroe County Re-Entry team continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor implementation of the Community Juvenile Re-Entry plan and to determine further needs. Twenty-two youth have engaged in the process to date. A workgroup has formed to develop an evaluation plan. The group met on April 24th, May 22nd, and July 12th.

The Active Balanced Community Initiative, The Michigan State Police, The Monroe Masons, and youth from the Monroe County Youth Center coordinated to provide child identification kits at the Celebrate Children Festival in April. Over 400 kits and various BARJ awareness materials were distributed at the event.

- B. **Victim Support Sub-Committee.** [Sandie Pierce, Facilitator] This Sub-Committee is chaired by Barbara McKenzie.

The Victim Support Sub-Committee met on April 27, 2006. Discussion occurred regarding strategies to recruit victims to serve on the Committee and on victim impact panels. The preliminary plan is to schedule victim impact panels on a quarterly basis, utilizing victims who were involved in a variety of crimes.

- C. **Special Needs Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] This Sub-Committee met on April 7, 2006 and June 22, 2006. The group continues to address disproportionate minority contacts, gender relevant programming, truancy, sex offenders, diversion, and special needs youth in the justice system.

A gender specific training, Helping You...Help Girls, was offered to the community on May 4, 2006. Twenty-five community members attended the training by Sandi Metcalf that focused on ways to address issues related to working with girls, while understanding their uniqueness and weaving a web of support.

The workgroup is coordinating with the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe County Prosecutors Office to address truancy. Currently the group is identifying and evaluating best practice programs that have been successful at reducing/ eliminating truancy in other communities.

The Substance Abuse Coalition met on May 5th and July 12th to address the need for community awareness regarding methamphetamine production and use, as well as other local substance abuse issues. A methamphetamine awareness campaign will be launched midsummer, including plans to reach retailers, farmers, youth, and the community at large. April Corie will be attending a week long training in August regarding the development, implementation, and monitoring of effective substance abuse coalitions.

Representatives from the Youth Center, Juvenile Court, Intermediate School District and Community Mental Health continue to meet on a quarterly basis to enhance coordination of services for special needs youth in the justice system.

- D. **Data Collection and Resource Assessment Committee.** [April Corie and Sandie Pierce, Co-Facilitators] This Committee is chaired by Laura Schultz from the American Red Cross. The quarterly meetings of this Committee were held April 21, 2006, May 25, and July 21, 2006. Review of statistics gathered:

Economic Deprivation

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Unemployment Rates (MI Department of Labor and Economic Growth)	3.1%	4.4%	5.6%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	6.6%
Free and Reduced Lunches (MCISD Business Office)	17.3%	17.3%	18.2%	22%	22%	23.9%	
Homelessness (Homeless Network)	NOT	AVAIL	ABLE	320	288	157	162
FIP Recipients (Department of Human Services)	2.1%	2.5%			608	633	645
Food Stamp Recipients (Department of Human Services)					4198	4303	4850
Female Head of Household (2000 CENSUS)	10.1%	12.7%					

Family Conflict

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Domestic Violence / Seeking Shelter (FCSS)	136	65	157	170	67	74	65 ytd
Divorces (MI Department of Community Health) per thousand population	7.6%	9.1%	7.8%	8.5%	8.0%		
Domestic Violence Authorized Charges – Adult (Monroe Co. Prosecutor)		665	746	609	443	535	
Domestic Violence Authorized Charges – Juvenile		75	71	63	62	86	

Academic Failure Beginning in Late Elementary

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Drop Out Rate	6.5%	4.1%	3.7%		4.1%		
MEAP Scores/ SAT							
Elementary Absenteeism Rate							
Suspension/ Expulsion Data							
Truancy							345

Early Onset of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alcohol and Drug Related ER Visits (Mercy Memorial Hospital)					1500	1200	
Juvenile Justice Contacts (tickets / complaints)						833 A	
Authorizations/ Petitions						556 P	
SAP / ATOD							221

- E. **Communications and Civic Engagement Committee.** [Sandie Pierce, Facilitator] This Committee is co-chaired by Kate Ebli, 4M Consultant, and Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County. Meetings were held on April 20, May 17, and June 27, 2006.

The ABC web site (activebalancedcommunity.org) has been regularly updated to include current events, training opportunities, and press releases, and community links. The number of visits to the website are tracked monthly:

Number of Unique Website Visitors Per Month

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
January	102	77	July	85	
February	91	83	August	60	
March	89	103	September	64	
April	105	107	October	74	
May	95	68	November	63	
June	125	56	December	68	
YTD Total	607	494	Total	1,021	

Results of the community stakeholder awareness survey distributed to elected officials in Monroe County are being tallied. Two presentations are planned as a result of the mailing – Township Supervisors Association and Monroe City Council on July 17, 2006.

“I Pledged” events were held at the graduation events for all nine public high schools and St. Mary Catholic Central. Graduates were asked to sign a pledge to drive responsibly – obey the speed limit, wear their seat belts, don’t drink and drive, don’t drive if too tired, and don’t talk on the cell phone or have other distractions. In return, graduates were given an “I pledged” dog tag with the ABC logo imprinted and were entered into a drawing for \$10 gas cards. Two cards were given out at all of the schools, except Monroe High and Bedford – where three cards were awarded.

Date	School	Number of Graduates	Number of Pledges	Percentage Pledged
05/17/06	Summerfield	60	49	81%
05/30/06	Jefferson	198	142	72%
05/31/06	Ida	123	82	67%
06/01/06	Whiteford	62	47	76%
06/01/06	Dundee	102	87	85%
06/01/06	SMCC	100	85*	85%
06/02/06	Orchard	45	26	57%
06/02/06	Mason	103	82	80%
06/02/06	Airport	196	125	64%
06/02/06	Monroe	428	282	66%
06/04/06	Bedford	412	189	46%
	Totals	1,829	1,196	65%

* SMCC amount of pledges is estimated.

II. Year-to-Date Expenditures / Budget Revision / Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget

Final approval of the re-application for Fiscal-Year 2005-2006 for the second year grant of \$90,000 was received in early April. The contract amendment request was submitted to the State at the end of April, and we are still awaiting approval. Expenditures through June are as follows:

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	(58%)
Personnel	\$ 65,675	\$38,328.10	
Supplies / Operating	10,155	5,084.26	
Equipment	500	500.00	
Travel	1,510	976.05	
Contractual	12,610	6,720.00	
Total	\$ 90,000	\$ 51,608.41	(57%)

III. Evaluation

Mark Creekmore continues to serve as the evaluator consultant for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

IV. Training

April Corie will attend a substance abuse coalition training sponsored by CADCA from August 14 to 18, 2006.

V. Grant Applications

A grant application for \$30,000 was submitted for developing a three-year community plan for delinquency prevention. Funding awards will be made for October 1, 2006 start-up.

Grant applications were submitted to the Children's Trust Fund and Fifth Third Bank to support the expansion of the mentoring project to serve system involved youth in Monroe County.

VI. Re-Application

The grant application for year three was submitted May 5, 2006. Discussion is needed regarding the feasibility of generating \$10,000 cash match for the third year to cover the cost of the evaluation contract.

VI. Is It Working?

This question applies to the sharing of the coordination duties for the Active Balanced Community initiative and is one that we (as Co-Coordinator) indicated that we would answer during the year. The division of work and availability of two staff to cover the various meetings has continued to prove to be very beneficial. We are especially pleased with the progress.

Respectfully submitted,

April and Sandie

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