



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

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.