



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs January – March 2006

I. Committee Updates

- A. **Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)**. [April Corie, Facilitator]. The BARJ full Committee quarterly meeting was held on January 13, 2006. Representatives from each of the BARJ Sub-Committees provided updates. The next full Committee meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2006.

The Monroe County Mentors mentoring project has grown from the Give a Hand Take a Hand program. Planning and development meetings were held on 1/17/06, 1/26/06, 2/23/06, 2/28/06, 3/13/06, 3/24/06, and 3/30/06. The United Way of Monroe County will hire a part time coordinator with the Visteon grant funds. The coordinator will work out of the Arthur Lesow Community Center and report to the ABC Steering Committee. Additionally, a federal grant was written and submitted to support the enhancement of mentoring to serve system involved youth. The grant has a four-year / \$400,000 award beginning in fiscal year 06/07.

The Monroe County Re-Entry team met on January 23, 2006, February 13, 2006, and March 13, 2006. A Re-Entry Coordinator was hired at the Monroe County Youth Center in March.

Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) pamphlets were distributed at the Bedford Trade Fair on March 11 and 12, 2006. The BARJ Speakers Bureau continues to offer individualized presentations to community agencies, organizations, and groups. In February, a presentation was made to the Stephen Ministries group at Trinity Lutheran. A presentation on Balanced and Restorative Justice and Community Conferencing was made at the Making Connections Conference at the Monroe County Community College on February 15, 2006.

The Active Balanced Community Initiative, The Michigan State Police, The Monroe Masons, and youth from the Monroe County Youth Center are coordinating to provide child identification kits at the Celebrate Children Festival in April.