



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs
July – September 2006

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

The Victim Support Sub-Committee met on August 15, 2006. Discussion occurred regarding strategies to recruit victims who were involved in a variety of crimes to serve on the Committee and on quarterly victim impact panels. Sustainability of victim impact panels may prove to be difficult. In general, victims seem to want closure rather than on-going involvement with the court system.

The Southeast Michigan Dispute Resolution Center held a luncheon on July 28, 2006 at the Sawyer Homestead for all court personnel. Mediations this quarter regarded estate settlements, uncollected debt, guardianship, and a neighborhood dispute.

Material is being developed that explains mediation and community conferencing so that availability of these resources are more widely known and utilized.