



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs
December 2006 through March 2007

I. Committee Updates

- A. **Victim Support Sub-Committee.** [Sandie Pierce, Facilitator] Barbara McKenzie has resigned as chair of this Sub-Committee.

The Victim Support Sub-Committee has been discontinued. The group concluded that there would be a more effective way to instill empathy among the youth involved in the justice system than to expend the on-going time and effort in attempting to recruit victims to serve on impact panels. Various types of empathy training are being explored.

Mediation continues to be an effective process. In 2006, there were ten mediations conducted, and year-to-date in 2007, there have been four cases. The Southeast Michigan Dispute Resolution Center is attempting to have training for new facilitators in Monroe County this Spring.