

HRSA-SPNS HIV Border Health conference call
Monday February 3, 2003
10:30 Central time

Participants: *OU Research and Evaluation Center* – David Barney, Marguerite Keese, Tim Brittingham, Ahmad Saleem Ahmad, Paul Rowe, Herman Curiel. *HRSA* – Kathleen Handley, Sandra Duggan, Sarah Hargrove, Adan Cajina, Robyn Schulhof. *NNAAPC* – Allison Whitmore. *Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project* – Steve Trujillo, Ken Burton, Antonio Estrada. *Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe* – America Jones, John Wiebe. *Valley AIDS Council* – Charles Smith, Elias Cantu, Yolanda Cantu. *Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services* – Kari Maier, Veronica Salcido-Harding. *San Ysidro Health Center* – Rosana Scolari, Maria Zuniga de Nuncio, Alisa Olshefsky. *UC Berkeley* – Michael Tarter.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BORDER HIV/AIDS PROJECT - Rosana Scolari reporting:

Programmatic/Dissemination:

- Abstract on HIV services at SYHC accepted for the NAUC Conference in Miami – March-April 2003
- Abstracts submitted to APHA and US/Mexico Border Health Conference. SPNS, CASA and HIV Nutrition Counseling Services.
- Outreach services in SD County may be discontinued.

Evaluation:

- Quarterly reports (July 02-September 02) were distributed to program partners on 1/27/03. We discussed a decrease in data collection during the fall/winter of 2002. Program partners identified two main causes for the decrease. First, the fall/winter is traditionally a period of low client enrollment and decreased HIV testing. Second, the additional burden caused by the medical chart review impacted their ability to collect SPNS modules.
- Starting February 2003 we plan to pilot the use of Access databases to enter and track HIV testing information. The evaluation coordinator will provide in-depth T.A. to each of the sites to facilitate the development of a HIV testing database that will both meet the needs of the SPNS evaluation and the site specific issues. A total of four databases will be created and piloted by March 2003.
- New staff trainings: On 1/22/03 the new HIV Prevention Coordinator at Family Health Centers was trained on the SPNS evaluation measures. He will be responsible for coordinating SPNS activities at this site. We expect an increase in data collection from this site in the near future. On 1/29/03 three Title III staff from San Ysidro Health Center were trained on the Treatment Adherence form.

Multi-site Data: 7/1/01- 1/30/03

- 1) Number of HIV + persons enrolled: 161
- 2) Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 1943
- 3) Number of results through HIV testing
 - HIV positive- 27
 - HIV negative- 1388
 - Inconclusive- 10
 - Total- 1425

Local Data:

- 4) Number of outreach contacts (estimate):
Approximate total = 4108

ARIZONA - Steve Trujillo reporting:**Trainings:**

Dr. Carmichael made available for the collaborators his schedule for clinics at the CHCs for 2003.

The AZ AIDS ETC is coordinating with Sunset Clinics to provide the training on HIV and Nutrition to their staff on February 26th and training to providers on HIV Medications Update that afternoon. Robert Castrillo is speaking to Mary Castillo and Dr. Wang to have 2 nurses from Sunset shadow at SIA.

Robert Castrillo extended an invitation to Dr. Thomas to attend HIV Citywide Grand Round on T-20 February 20th.

The AZ AIDS ETC extended an invitation to all ABHAC MDs and RNs to attend a rural provider training on HIV at the U of A on March 6, 2003.

Out Reach Activities:

Yuma – YCHD in collaboration with Yuma AIDS Network sponsored two events for World AIDS Day one in Yuma and the second in San Luis, AZ. The events were walks and candle light vigils. In December project collaborators participated in El Dia del Campesino that attracted more than 4,200 people primarily farm-workers. Their information booth saw around 2,100 people. YCHD is in the process of planning for National Condom Week with collaborators and providers in Yuma. Continue to plan house parties.

Two new groups were identified Yuma Q (social network) and Queer Yuma (Advocacy) and will explore ways to work together.

In December YCHD counseled and tested 120 people and there were no positives.

Sunset Clinics and YCHD are developing contracts with Dr. Thomas (ID physician) to refer and coordinate patient care. YCHD contract with Dr. Thomas is expected to be in place by mid-February.

Santa Cruz – Mariposa Community Health Center and its youth programs participated in World AIDS Day activities. MCHC brought in a HIV positive speaker as part of the community activities. Cesar Grijalva participated in the radio program during World AIDS Day. Outreach efforts continue to occur in the established areas of the community. The use of

Mariposa Clinic counseled and tested 25 people in December for HIV and enrolled one new patient.

Cochise – Dr. Garcia shared that CCHD participated in World AIDS Day activities in Douglas and in Bisbee, AZ. Since December 1st fell on a Sunday churches (6) in the communities addressed HIV in their sermons. CCHD secured 5 panels from the Names Project and displayed a panel in each of their sites.

December 5th the Southern Arizona HIV Consortium met in Douglas and invited Dr. Carmichael to speak medical staff from Agua Prieta and Naco Mexico were present.

December 11th Dr. Garcia presented in Agua Prieta, Mexico to students, educators and interested parties on HIV/AIDS and services in Arizona (Douglas, Bisbee, etc.)

December 18th Dr. Garcia and case manager Eunice Parks presented AIDS 101, universal precautions and prevention to staff of Cochise County Handicap Association.

Dissemination Activities: Tony Estrada presented outcome data to ABHAC Project collaborators at the January 3, 2003 meeting.

Project Enrollment: Mariposa Community Health Center enrolled one new participant. Cochise County Health Dept. enrolled one new participant and SIA enrolled one new patient into the project.

Local Evaluation: The Annual Health Provider Assessment were conducted at the CHCs and returned to Impact Consultants.

CAMINO DE VIDA - Veronica Salcido-Harding reporting:

- ❑ **PROGRAMMATIC:** Outreach activities continue. This week during our HOWs meeting Eduardo discussed how he received a phone call from a partner of one of clients who he had tested 2-3 months prior (negative results). He inform Eduardo that a week prior during a hospital stay he was diagnosed with both HIV and one of the Hepatities. Eduardo immediately referred him to the New Department of Health's Early Intervention Nurse. This is evidence that even though this individual may have been seroconverting during his initial test with the HOW, rapport had been established to the point that he phone Eduardo.
 - Semi-annual report has been completed and sent to HRSA GMO.
 - Abstract for both USMBHA and APHA have been completed.
 - Preliminary discussions with Betsy Davis, RN Independent consultant has taken place regarding development of HOW's curriculum.
 - Southern Area Health Education Center has scheduled Internet training for Providers to effectively search the internet for reliable HIV/AIDS sites. The training will also be offered to CdV staff.

- ❑ **LOCAL EVALUATION:** (Michelle Valverde)
 - We received official notice of the approval of the IRB continuation

- application.
 - We completed the requirements for the APHA abstract and sent them to Ahmad Saleem Ahmad.
 - I followed up with Marguerite in regard to the Barriers module. We had a conversation via telephone and I was able to refer to my notes.
 - We discovered inconsistencies in the documentation of risks on our local module 6. We corrected the problem for future cases and Yvonne and Jennifer went through all of the previous cases back to the beginning of the project. Tim has been very supportive in helping us to correct the data file.
- ❑ **DATA COLLECTION NUMBERS UPDATE:**
Will be sent later this morning by Yvonne

VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL - Elias Cantu reporting:

- Dissemination:
 - SPNS Grantee's Meeting in Rockville, Maryland at the Parklawn Building in January 2003 to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Project Officers. New SPNS Bureau Chief Officer: Dr. Lois Eldred.
 - Topic: "Lessons Learned" reported by Charles R. Smith (Project Director) and Yolanda Cantu (Project Evaluator) from University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio (UTHSCSA).
 - SPNS Partnership Meeting held in Pharr, Texas at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle (NCDV) with project partners from NCDV, UTHSCSA and VAC. The meeting was held on January 24, 2002.
 - Project Update presented by Elias Cantu, Jr. (SPNS Coordinator).
 - Data Collection Update presented by UTHSCSA: Yolanda Cantu, George Losoya (Project Coordinator), and Dale Schweers (Data Management Specialist).
 - Elias Cantu, Jr. submitted an abstract to Amfar. The abstract was approved for a poster presentation for the 15th National HIV/AIDS Update Conference (NAUC) in Miami, FL from March 29- April 2, 2003.
 - Charles R. Smith is scheduled to present at the HIV/AIDS 2003: The Social Work Response conference in Albuquerque, NM on May 29th – June 1st.
 - The 15th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS.
 - Theme: "HIV/AIDS and Families: Special Issues, Special Needs for Families of Origin...For Families of Choice."
 - Presentation: "Ethics for Administrators and Executive Directors."
 - Elias Cantu, Jr. submitted an abstract to the US Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA) conference that will be held in San Diego, CA from May 27-30, 2003. The abstract is pending approval.
 - It is the 61st Annual Meeting: "Working Together for a Healthy Border" and the project is categorized under "Disease Prevention and Control".
 - Yolanda Cantu (Project Evaluator) submitted an abstract to the American Public Health Association (APHA) for the 131st Annual Meeting that will be

held in San Francisco, CA from November 15-19, 2003. The abstract is pending approval.

- The theme of the meeting is: Behavior, Lifestyle, and Social Determinants of Health.”
- Publication:
 - Yolanda Cantu (UTHSCSA) submitted Data Request and Plan Form to Dr. Barney from the University of Oklahoma (OU) on November 15th.
 - Title: “Use of Healthcare Services in Mexico by HIV Positive Persons Living Along the United States Mexico Border.”
 - Presentation of Data Requests and Reviewed by Committee at the SPNS Grantee’s Meeting on January 7, 2003.
- Qualitative Interviews:
 - UTHSCSA conducted interviews with HIV+ project enrollees who responded that they receive medical care in Mexico for HIV and non-HIV treatment.
 - Interviews were scheduled in Harlingen, Texas at Valley AIDS Council (VAC) on December 9th and 10th, 2002. Other interviews are scheduled for February 2003 in Eagle Pass, Texas at the United Medical Centers (UMC). Connie Villarreal (Director) and Gustavo De la Cerda (Case Manager) have scheduled the interviews for UTHSCSA.
- HRSA Semi-Annual Project Report:

Report submitted to Grants Management Office (Mary Douglas) and HRSA Project Officer (Robyn Schulhof) on January 31, 2003 for period covering: July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

- Medical Chart Reviews:
 - Tim Brittingham reported on “Year 3: Lessons Learned” at the SPNS Grantees Meeting in January 2003.
 - Projects encouraged having clients sign the consents now in preparation for the Medical Chart reviews in Year 5.
 - VAC received a copy of the SPNS Chart Review Checklist developed by Alisa Olshefsky from the SPNS San Ysidro site.
 - This tool will help project staff facilitate the medical chart review process at the partner sites.
- Clinical Capacity:
 - Dr. Shanta D’Lima received Physician Precepting training from Dr. Fernando Garcia (VAC- Medical Director) at VAC in Harlingen, TX on December 11, 2002.
 - SPNS Coordinator (Elias Cantu, Jr.) has scheduled TDH- HIV Prevention Counseling and Partner Elicitation (PCPE) training for Project Nurses in February 2003.
 - This training will be provided in efforts to meet Objective 1.4 in the Goals/Objectives of the Logic Model.
- Technical Assistance:
 - Dr. Herman Curiel from the University of Oklahoma (OU) is developing a training curriculum on “Crisis Intervention Case Management” for presentation to Valley AIDS Council staff.
 - The training is scheduled for February 20, 2003 in Harlingen, Texas at Valley AIDS Council.
 - The training will also be available to other border projects as well.

- Site Visits:
 - Local evaluators from UTHSCSA have scheduled a site visit to Eagle Pass, Texas on February 4, 2003.
 - Project staff that is scheduled to be interviewed are: Physician, Nurse, Case Manager, and Executive Director.
 - Local evaluators also conducted a site visit on January 24, 2003.
 - Interviewed project staff: Lucy Ramirez (Executive Director) from NCDV in Pharr, Texas.
 - Interviewed project staff: Randy Alligood (Case Manager) from VAC in McAllen, Texas.
 - Discussed Change Form module.
 - National evaluators from University of Oklahoma contacted VAC to schedule a site visit sometime between February and late April 2003.
 - Bureau Chief (Dr. Lois Eldred) is scheduled to visit VAC in March 2003.
- Project Intervention (Social Marketing):
 - Phase II of the intervention consisted of television only in Spanish and aired on Univision during the month of December 2002.
 - Phase III of the intervention will commence on February 3, 2003 and cease to air on March 3, 2003.
 - It will include English version of the commercial, which will air on Channel 4 with spokesperson, TV anchor Martha Benavides.
 - It will also include Spanish version of the commercial, which will air on Channel 48 with spokesperson, TV anchor Miriam from Univision.

Report Period: – 12/03/02-1/31/03- VAC EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

PROJECT DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2002, there are 196 unduplicated records in the Local Database.

- A total of 977 forms have been entered in the multi site database:

Module	Implementation Date	Number Collected	
A - Demographic	030101	184	
B- Lifestyle	030101	165	
C- Change	TBA		
D- Risk Factor	070101	223	Time 1
			Time 2
E -Quality of Life	070101	187	Time 1
			Time 2
F- Barriers to Care	110101	139	
G -Client Satisfaction	070101	79	
Totals		977	

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

None to report at this time.

OTHER EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

- December 9-10, 2002 site visits to Valley partner agencies to conduct qualitative interviews with clients accessing care in Mexico.

- Change Form submitted to National Evaluator for implementation. Reviewed at Grantee meeting on January 9, 2003.
- Tentative training date for data collectors on how to work with client issues that may arise from the data collection set for February 20, 2003 by Herman Curiel.
- Abstract submitted for American Public Health Association Meeting (November 15-19, 2003) in San Francisco and will participate as panel member on abstract submitted to US/Mexico Border Health Association meeting in San Diego submitted by María Luisa Zúñiga.
- Process evaluation visit and qualitative interviews scheduled for February 4 to Eagle Pass.

EL PASO - John Wiebe reporting:

- We submitted an abstract on mental health for APHA, and made plans to present at the social work conference in Albuquerque and the Border Health Association Meeting in San Diego.
- Time 2 data collection is ongoing.
- We have a new research assistant, Isaac Ortega, helping with the project. Isaac is a bilingual UTEP Psychology graduate, and he is applying for our Master's program in the fall. He will help with data management initially and then move to patient interviewing.
- We are in the process of identifying discrepancies between the information in the multi-site data file and our own recruitment numbers. It appears that we have data from a number of subjects that have somehow not made it to Oklahoma. We will keep Tim abreast of any developments in the process.
- Since the dissemination meeting in D.C., we discovered that El Paso is the only site with the longitudinal collection of the risk factors module as part of our evaluation plan. Thus, we'd like to withdraw our data request form and focus on local data for the depression project. However, we do still have local depression data that could be used to validate other mental health indices if others are interested in such an approach.

Announcements: David Barney concluded by reporting the Abstracts for APHA are in and the Dissemination Page has been updated.

The Research and Evaluation Center has negotiated three gigs on the OU server providing extra web space which enables the inclusion of lengthy reports on the Internet.

Dr. Barney now has a course available on the The University of Oklahoma – Faculty web site [Teaching Program Evaluation](#). The course is available for anyone interested.

Tim Brittingham provided Change Form C for review, however a number of the participants had not received the changes in their e-mail, and discussion was deferred.

Sustainability was addressed at the Grantee Meeting in January, and the subject was brought up at the conclusion of this conference call. Sustainability is considered a key issue for the grantees, and Dr. Barney suggested that participants limit the length of individual presentations during conference calls to five minutes so that time would be available to examine this issue. No one objected to this solution.

Everyone was encouraged to visit the project web site for changes and updates on the Dissemination page, and for further grantee information
<http://www.ou.edu/socialwork/hiv/>