

SPNS Grantee Conference Call
April 22, 2002 @ 10:30 am

Present: America Jones, Elias Cantu, Michelle Valverde, Yvonne Roacho, Veronica Harding, Kari Maier, Alisa Olshefsky, John Wiebe, Michael Tarter, Rosana Scolari, Sandi Duggan, Yolanda Cantu, Ken Burton, Barbara Estrada, Tim Brittingham, Herman Curiel, Betty Duran, Saleem Ahmad – *HRSA staff not present as staff are reviewing the American Indian/Alaska Native SPNS Proposals this week.*

Project Reports:

Arizona:

Trainings: Dr. Carmichael conducted clinic in Bisbee with Dr. Avina on 4/11 and saw three (3) patients. Dr. Avina completed the physician self-assessment form for the project local evaluation. Dr. Avina has resigned from the Arizona Family Care practice and will be the medical director for the Chiricahua Community Health Center. This change will be beneficial to the project since Dr. Avina is participating and supportive of the project activities. The clinic scheduled at Mariposa Clinic for 4/18 was canceled since there were no patients scheduled.

AZ AIDS ETC has scheduled (4/24) with the SIA clinic to have two medical assistants from Yuma (Sunset Clinic) spend the day with the nurses. The supervising nurse at the SIA clinic has assigned the medical assistants to a physician and nurse.

Out Reach Activities: Yuma County – Puentes de Amistad, Campesinos Sin Frontera and the Yuma County Health Department (YCHD) continue their outreach activities. Training of the new promotoras at Puentes de Amistad is coordinated between the YCHD and AZ AIDS ETC. Steve T. sent certificates of appreciation to Campesinos Sin Frontera, Emma Torres and Flor Redondo for their collaboration with the project.

Santa Cruz County – Platicamos Salud is continuing to outreach to Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health (SEABH) substance abuse programs. The outreach staff and the counseling and testing staff are at SEABH 1 – 2 days a week. Platicamos provides Ora-sure tests since April 17 clients of SEABH have been tested. Mariposa Clinic tested 8 individuals from outreach activities. Outreach staff (Johnny & Ana) continues to make contact and provide brochures and condoms to the truck stops at the border. Johnny has made presentations to the juvenile detention center offering HIV education to the adolescents.

Cochise County – Dr. Estock of the SIA clinic presented on the neurological manifestation of HIV for the Cochise County Health Department (CCHD) grand rounds. The case manager (Eunice Parks) for CCHD continues to enroll patients for the project and assists in the transfer of patients care to Chiricahua Community Health Center or to physicians in the community. Outreach efforts continue from the CCHD sites.

Five patients have been scheduled for the key informant interviews for April 22th - 23th at Cochise and Santa Cruz counties.

Dissemination Activities: Barbara advised that Tony Estrada had submitted two abstracts for the SPNS Border Projects. Both abstracts have been accepted for poster presentation. Betty advised that the HRSA abstract for the SPNS Border Projects had been accepted as well. Betty requested that Barbara send OU a copy of the abstracts that were accepted for the International AIDS Conference, the abstracts will be compared with HRSA's, then we can work on the development of the posters.

Project Enrollment: CCHD has enrolled one person and scheduled one the week of 4/22. One patient enrolled in the project on 5/8/01 died on 4/14/02. Patient change form (local) completed and submitted to Impact Consultants.

Local Evaluation: Project continues to collect local evaluation data and submits to Impact Consulting.

Announcement: US-Mexico HIV/AIDS Border Conference information is available at www.elrio.org. A special thanks to OU and specifically Sudhir for his excellent work on the conference web page.

Camino de Vida:

- Programmatic: (Veronica)
 - Completed a site visit with David and Betty, Thursday, April 18th
 - Upcoming trainings:
 - Provider Dinner/training: April 23rd
 - Provider Training: BAHC April 24th
 - Presentation at the NM PHA: April 25th
 - Provider Training: Dental April 26th

 - Local Evaluation: (Michelle)
 - Site Visit (4/18/02) with David and Betty: Covered measurement issues and Goal 4 – AETC Training.
 - Key Informant Interviews were completed on the 8th and 9th of April 2002 – these were difficult as three clients canceled – were able to complete five interviews
 - AETC Evaluations: Michelle has created the database for the evaluations and has run some basic descriptives
 - Have been assisting the CdV Staff with Client Surveys
 - Adjustments to Modules 13: Outreach: Attitudes Toward Knowing Status and 15: Client Understanding of Disease Management
 - Met with Dr. Frehill of NMSU and a potential graduate intern
 - Testing numbers have increased: 23 new tests since last meeting
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DATA COLLECTION

OUTREACH:	Individual Outreach	
	• Total Number of Contacts	328
	• Number of Tests to date Fy1 = 90 Fy2 = 130	220
	Group Outreach	
	• Total number of contacts	89
• Number of group outreach sessions	6	
• Number of appointments made	0	
• Number tested	20	
Total number of contacts (individual & group)		397
IN-HOUSE:	Number of interviews and data collected on HIV+ Clients:	60

Centro de Salud Familiar:

SPNS Qualitative Studies

Studies completed by Ivonne Rivera on April 11th and 12th. Target population met with the exception of one client due to personal difficulties. Mrs. Rivera was very professional with both the staff and the clients. We would like to extend our welcome to her in any future endeavors.

New Staff: Cristina Ramirez R.N. (Care Manager) and Nadine Thomson FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner)

Testing

Month Year	Pre Test Counseling	Post Test Counseling	Result Negative	Result Positive	Enrolled @ LFCC
Jan 2002	40	15	14	1	5
Feb 2002	33	13	11	2	1
Mar 2002	45	34	29	5	5
April 2002 Up to date	21	13	13	0	0

Trainings:

April 5, 2002: The 3 nurses attended a symposium; "Diabetes a Challenge for All" sponsored by The Pan American Health Organization.

The topics covered were:

- The Most Recent Approaches of the Clinical Management of Diabetes Patients
U.S. – Mexico Border Diabetes Project
- The Burden of Diabetes, a focus on the U.S. Mexico Border
- Strategies for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes
- Closing the Gap Between Scientific Evidence and Everyday Clinical Practice

April 15-16, 2002: John Hopkins School of Medicine sponsored the 12th Annual Clinical Care of the Patient with HIV Infection in Baltimore, Maryland. The 3 RN's; America Jones, Rosa Vasquez, Cristina Navarro and the Family Nurse Practitioner; Nadine Thomson attended the

training. The program covered many interesting and up to date topics regarding HIV some of the topics were:

- HIV Pathogenesis: Implications for Treatment
- HIV Treatment Guidelines: How and When to Start
- Strategies for Building Adherence
- Toxicities of HIV Treatment
- Complications of HIV Therapy: Lipodystrophy and Metabolic Changes
- HIV and Hepatitis C
- Monitoring Resistance During Treatment
- Pharmacology and HIV Therapy
- Gynecology Issues in HIV Care
- Opportunistic Infections Guidelines

April 19, 2002: The 3 nurses attended a Cultural Competency In a Bi-National Setting Conference at the El Paso Airport Hilton sponsored by Texas Tech Medical Center and Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe.

SPNS Enrollment

There are 365 clinic clients, we have approximately 100 left to enroll in SPNS. The plan to complete enrollment by June 2002 is to divide the clients into our 3 Care Teams leaving us with about 17 clients each to reach and schedule to come in and complete the SPNS questionnaire.

CARE TEAMS

Team A	Care Manager	Case Manager
A – E	America Jones RN	Norma Minjarez
Team B		
F – N	Cristina Ramirez, RN	Jessica Ojeda
Team C		
O – Z	Rosa Vasquez, RN	Gloria Hinojos

Quality Assurance Chart Review

In the next two weeks we will conduct our Quarterly Quality Assurance Chart Review looking at different goal objectives. We will report our findings in the next conference call.

San Ysidro Health Center:

Programmatic/Dissemination

- Follow up stories on the controversial article published in SD Union (February 2002) re: cross-border study of Latinos and HIV:

- 1) An article on HIV/AIDS and Border Health was published in the San Francisco Chronicle. Both Rosana Scolari & Mari Zúñiga were interviewed for the story.
(web address - <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2002/04/07/MN79801.DTL>)
 - 2) Article to be released in Enlace, a Spanish language newspaper of the SD Union, on Latinos and HIV along the border will describe the experience of 2 SYHC patients living with HIV and will also highlight the HIV services at SYHC.
 - 3) Univision, a Spanish language TV station, is preparing a segment for their 6pm and 11pm news on Health among Latinos along the border. They interviewed and will be presenting the story of 3 SYHC HIV+ patients and will also highlight the HIV services that are available here.
- Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, Imperial County partner site – CRITICAL INCIDENT – Loss of the current contract with promotoras. Has a site visit scheduled with the clinic for later this week
 - HIV Testing day observed on June 27th – Activities planned countywide

Evaluation

- Critical incident with CSP testing & loss of promotoras. The site plans to continue outreach but combine it with ORASURE testing. Both of the SPNS funded testing staff did outreach and testing last week at the County Unemployment Office and were able to test 12 Latino/a migrant farm workers.
- Sexual orientation question on Module A (and local module) has been interpreted based on client behavior. On 4/12/02 SYHC and Eval agreed to change how data collection staff interprets this question. They will be asked to document exactly what the person says their sexual orientation is not what their behavior indicates. Dr. Zuñiga has documented this change, as it will impact the evaluation of data collected for both HIV-positive clients and those at testing.
- Evaluation in partnership with Comprehensive Health Center- Treatment, Education and Advocacy (a local CHC) have developed a data collection instrument to document treatment education interactions with clients on HIV medication. It was decided that any staff person who has received treatment education training should be doing a minimum threshold of activities, including discussing medication regimes, side effects, adherence, lab results and supporting CM by promoting stability, information and social support. This instrument was designed to be a one-page client intake and update form that can be left in the client's medical record. A copy will be given to Evaluation.
- Dr. Zuñiga submitted an abstract to the 6th annual United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) which takes place September 19-22, 2002 in Anaheim, California. The title of the abstract is "Understanding Barriers & Facilitators to Care for HIV+ Persons Living

on the US/Mexico Border Region". We should know if the abstract was accepted by June.

Multi-site Data as of 7/1/01- Current

- 1) Number of HIV + persons enrolled : 71
- 2) Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 685
- 3) Number of results through HIV testing-
HIV positive- 11
HIV negative- 470
Inconclusive- 1
Total 482
- 4) Number of outreach contacts (estimate):
1446 in database + 1100 yet to enter
Approximate total = 2546

Valley AIDS Council:

- Key Informant Interviews were conducted on April 5 & 6, 2002 by consultant Maria Ivonne Rivera from Washington, DC. Also attending the Key Informant Interviews was Betty Duran from the University of Oklahoma for observing purposes.
 - Interviewee subjects consisted of four Hispanic males and one Hispanic female. The males were either bisexual or gay. The female was a heterosexual IDU.
 - The criteria / profile was met for the subjects that needed to be interviewed for this qualitative study.
 - Elias Cantu, Jr. (SPNS Coordinator) was assisted by SPNS Case Managers: Nora Rodriguez, Eney Mendoza, and Randy Alligood. Also assisting in the Key Informant Interviews was Laura Azua, Case Manager for VAC.
- Adherence Meeting was conducted by Dr. David Barney and Tim Brittingham in the VAC Conference Room in Harlingen, Texas on April 5, 2002.
 - Those in attendance were: Eney Mendoza, Nora Rodriguez, Dean Garza (LVN), Linda Ortiz (LVN), Eleonor Colbath, Lisa Casas, Emilio Gomez, Rudi Ann Fonseca, Elias Cantu, Jr., and Rachel Rodriguez.
- SPSS Training was provided by Dr. David Barney and Tim Brittingham on April 5, 2002.
 - Training was provided for Elias Cantu, Jr., Alex Westbrook, and Charles R. Smith.
- Social Marketing campaign is an ongoing project VAC is working on in collaboration with Entravision/ Univision.
 - Met with printing department for the creative version of the 5,000 brochures / 500 posters geared towards the Latina women as the target population.
 - Anticipated kick-off date is May 1, 2002 for the radio campaign with brochures and posters concurrently in effect.
- Quarterly reports received on April 15th from the CHC's in Eagle Pass, Brownsville, and Pharr, Texas.

- Evaluation Quarterly report was also received from University of Texas at San Antonio.
- Randy Alligood (SPNS Case Manager) attended Substance Abuse training on April 15, 2002.
- Conference Call with Dale Schweers and Sandi Duggan on April 16, 2002 at 9:30 am for Data.
 - Gina Holt (Data Entry), Carol Ibarra (Data Profiler), and Elias Cantu, Jr.(SPNS Coordinator) discussed data updates with Dale and Sandi.
 - Discussed the collection of the Quality of Life form, collection of the Change Form, variables for collection on newborns, and collection of client updates.
 - Gina Holt's last day will be May 31, 2002 and local evaluation will be in the loop regarding training and providing support to help with a smooth transition.
- Activities scheduled for next month in May 2002:
 - AETC conference in San Antonio, Texas on May 8,9,and 10, 2002.
 - SPNS Partners Meeting in Harlingen, Texas on May 17, 2002 at the Boggus Education Building.
 - AETC training in Pharr, Texas at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle on May 17, 2002 by Dr. Gray.
 - Physician's Precepting at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle on May 17, 2002 by Dr. Sinclair.
 - Site visit scheduled with National Evaluators from University of Oklahoma on May 20and 21, 2002.
 - AETC scheduled in Eagle Pass at United Medical Center on May 30 and 31, 2002 with Dr. Barbosa and Dr. Sinclair.

Evaluation – John Wiebe

- * The new nurse and nurse practitioner at the CARE Center were screened for baseline treatment knowledge.
- * Christopher Johnson has returned from the Society of Behavioral Medicine Meeting in Washington, D.C., where he presented El Paso data on depression screening.
- * John Wiebe will speak to health researchers at the University of Texas at El Paso on the HRSA initiative and the project at La Fe on Friday, April 26.

Evaluation Center Report:

- Qualitative Study – Ms. Rivera is conducting interviews this week in Arizona. To date we have 16 interviews that were conducted at VAC, NM, and El Paso. We should have summary report on interviews at end of May and will provide copies to projects. Findings will also be on the agenda for the Grantees Meeting in July. Comprehensive analysis will take several months and we do not expect a final report until early spring of next year.

- Medical Chart Reviews: We have a commitment by a team of nurses to conduct chart reviews for both Texas sites. We are working with another consultant to conduct the chart reviews at the three other sites. Hope to finalize this before the end of May 2002. Reviews are to be conducted between September and October 2002. Will cover eight quarters – July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002. The reviews will again be conducted in YR-05. America requested that they be provided with a copy of the medical protocol to be used in the chart extractions. Betty will provide the protocol to all projects.
- Grantees need to confirm their hotel reservations at the Doubletree Rockville for July 25-26, 2002.
- Reminder that continuation proposal is due at HRSA on or before May 25, 2002.
- Betty will send all grantees with the instructions for their project presentation at the grantees conference on July 25-26, 2002 - Presently plan to have everyone present on lessons learned

HRSA Issues:

Ryan White All Titles Meeting – SPNS Border Projects are invited. Dates are August 21-23, 2002 in Washington, DC. Final agenda and hotel information will be sent out to all Ryan White grantees within the next few weeks. HRSA advised that grantees are allowed two representatives per project. Presently it is unclear if this means per agency or per titles funded within an agency. HRSA will clarify and advise grantees. Projects are to use technical assistance or dissemination funds within their existing budgets to cover the costs for attending the All Titles meeting.

SPNS Border projects are invited to present on three topics, each approximately 90 minutes long. HRSA staff (Adan and Robyn) advised that participation is voluntary, but they encourage projects to take advantage of using this as an opportunity to inform other Titles of the work being achieved by the Border Projects. The three topic areas are:

1. Peer Outreach Models (Promotores) (panel) – rural populations
2. Capacity building, recruitment and retention (workshop)
3. Lessons learned and cultural sensitivity (panel)

Betty will provide this information to all border grantees for discussion to determine which presentations individual projects are willing to present.

Border Grantees Meeting – Adan advised that HRSA will need a list of grantees who will be attending the meeting at the Parklawn building on July 25-26, 2002. All participants will need to have a picture ID with them on both days. All attendees will need to meet at the main entrance and enter as a group. They will not be admitted unless escorted by a HRSA staff member from the security location. Betty will compile the final list around July 1st for transmittal to Adan who will provide it to Parklawn Security.

Next Conference call is May 13, 2002 @ 10:30 am.