

US/Mexico Border Grantees Conference Call
May 5, 2003 @ 10:30 AM

Participants: Tim Brittingham, Marguerite Keesee, Herman Curiel, Betty Duran, Lynda Williams, Gregg Fryday, Saleem Ahmad, Paul Rowe, Michael Tarter, Yvonne Roacho, Steve Trujillo, Ken Burton, America Jones, Rosana Scholari, Maria Zúñiga, Alisa Olshefsky, Adan Cajina, Tony Estrada, Yolanda Cantu, Elias Cantu, John Wiebe, Michelle Valverde

Sustainability: Yolanda Cantu – Need to table until after HRSA report so that they can leave the call.

Project Reports:

Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project:

Trainings:

- Dr. Carmichael provided consultation to Dr. Avina of Chiricahua Clinic on 4/10. Dr. Carmichael has begun to work with Dr. Pimenta at Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales, Arizona (4/10, 4/12, 4/28). Dr. Pimenta expressed an interest in providing care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Carmichael continues to travel to Sunset Clinic (Yuma), Mariposa Clinic (Nogales) and Chiricahua Clinic (Elfrida) and Dr. Thomas's office as scheduled.
- Dr. Estok (SIA) has taken the responsibility of working with the AZ AIDS ETC to develop and schedule provider trainings on HIV for the border CHCs. The project is exploring the use of Dr. Feldman (SIA) in training activities.

AZ AIDS ETC :

- Most energy is assisting to coordinate training of Border providers for the upcoming HIV/STD/TB conference on May 5, 2003. Information has been disseminated to ABHAC participants as well as other non-collaborative Border providers.
- Attempting to coordinate Clinic shadowing of Nurses at Sunset Clinic at SIA. This is moving slow.
- Working on having a meeting with SIA, Impact Consultants and AETC to better coordinate and conduct training for the ABHAC grant. Original date in April was postponed.

Outreach Activities:

- **Yuma** – YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras continue their outreach in Yuma and surrounding communities. Outreach continues to include fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, college campus and use of house parties.
- **Santa Cruz** – Mariposa Community Health Center continues their outreach to the established sites and to the outlying communities of Rio Rico and Patagonia. Cesar Grijalva and Ana Dutram continue to participate in outreach activities and on the local radio program when invited.
- **Cochise** – On 4/25 the project coordinator conducted ½ day training with Cochise County Health Department case managers Sofia Somerstein and Emma Ramirez. CCHD is working closely with Chiricahua Clinic and Dr. Avina to better coordinate project activities. Outreach efforts have resumed by the CCHD case managers and counseling and testing counselors at all CCHD sites. Dr. Garcia continues his efforts to collaborate with the health department and physicians in Mexico.

Dissemination Activities: Preparing for the Boston College “HIV/AIDS and Families” conference in Albuquerque and the USMBHA conference.

Project Enrollment: The project enrolled four (4) new patients, 3 in Nogales and 1 in Yuma.

Local Evaluation: OU site visit scheduled for May 19 site visit will focus on local and multi-site evaluation..

Announcement: ABHAC Project collaborator met on May 2, 2003.

(see Evaluation Center report for Albuquerque Information)

Camino de Vida:

PROGRAMMATIC: (Yvonne)

Outreach: We are in the initial stages of a collaboration with the Parenting Resource Center which has locations in Sunland, Anthony, & Chaparral. Eduardo and Mona will be alternating outreach activities at all three locations.

Training:

- The training on April 10th for the Ben Archer Promotoras was a success. The training was facilitated by MUACES.
- Nick Rivera our newest HOW has just completed the HIV Testing and Counseling training in Alb., NM last week. Beginning this week he will be ready to start testing in the field.

- On April 30th Sally Meisenhelder, from Southern Area Health Education Center/Border Health Education and Training Center facilitated part one of a two part series of “Reaching Your Target Population.”
- On May 7th Dr. Fernando Garcia will be our guest speaker at a Provider Dinner/Training. “HIV Primary Care Management, Barriers to Care”
- On May 9th the entire Camino de Vida Staff to include the Health Outreach Workers will attend a Cultural Competency Training giving by Carlos Najel, from Tucson, AZ.
- Veronica will be working with Michelle on a poster to be presented at the USMBHA annual meeting at the end of this month. Outreach will be the focus the presentation.
- We have started working on the Non-Competing continuation proposal.

LOCAL EVALUATION: (Michelle)

- The site visit went very well. The multi-site team alerted us to some issues we need to take care of pertaining to the multi-site data. We also spent time looking at our local data.
- Kari and I started working on the presentation for the Social Work Conference at the end of this month. Jennifer found a couple of wonderful articles (George Huba) about agency capacity building and barriers that are very applicable to the papers we are planning on writing.
- The staff presentation was postponed until later this month.
- The partner newsletter went out to providers at LCDF and BAHC. Tim has or is going to post it on the multi-site website

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe:

TESTING:

Month Year 2003	Pre Test Counseling	Post Test Counseling	Result Negative	Result Positive	New Clients Enrolled @ LFCC
January	28	21	27	1	4
February	29	21	26	3	3
March	27	26	25	1	1
April	27	25	25	2	2

TRAVEL/TRAINING:

- March 28-March 29, 2003

Nadine Thomson RN, FNP-c attended an update in Half Moon Bay, California, sponsored by Abbott Laboratories. This update for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants who work with HIV/AIDS patients reviewed findings from the 10th annual

retrovirus conference held earlier in the year in Boston. Topics discussed included trends in epidemiology (world-wide and nation-wide), results of studies for prevention (successes and failures), condom usage, vertical transmission, (the only major success story in HIV) new medications on the horizon, resistance, and a Kaletra update, (medication manufactured by Abbott). The information presented was extremely important and now I am able to download slides and updates from a website (HIVAdvisor.com) to use for educational presentations and to participate in surveys for Abbott labs.

- March 30-April 2, 2003

America Jones RN, Nadine Thomson RN, FNP-c, Cristina Ramirez RN, Rosa Vasquez RN, Tony Aguilar Peer Advocate, and Nathan Mitchell Peer Advocate, attended the 15th National HIV/AIDS Update Conference in Miami Florida. The conference provided the latest information on prevention, treatment, care and services, mental health and substance use, and the global epidemic. The opening ceremony included welcome messages from the conference chair, Dr. Mervyn F. Silverman, M.D., M.P.H.; Tom Liberti, chief of Florida Department of Health's Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Florida Department of Health; Cristina Saralegui, journalist and host of "The Cristina Show"; and Carl Folta, senior vice president of Corporate Relations at Viacom.

- April 10, 2003

Nadine Thomson, RN, FNP-c, Dr. Jaime Anaya, Pharm. D, America Jones RN and Vivian Villareal RN, attended a program sponsored by Roche pharmaceuticals regarding the new FDA approved injectable HIV medication, Fuzeon. Reviewed mechanism of action, management of site reactions, pt. Education information and availability of drug.

- April 11, 2003

Norma Minjarez, case manager at La Fe CARE Center attended the "Onda Sana- HIV & Substance Abuse Cultural Strategies in Working with Latinos" at the Texas Ethnic Minority Substance Abuse Training Institute in El Paso sponsored by Project CADENA.

- April 14, 2003

Dr. John Wiebe, SPNS project evaluator, briefed the staff on the SPNS evaluation project. The multi-site and local modules used to evaluate the 5 year study were reviewed with the staff, which included: demographics, lifestyle, risk factors, quality of life, barriers to HIV medical care, client satisfaction, health information and status, social support, self-reported adherence, illness impact, BDI-II, nutritional information, patient health, and HIV/AIDS knowledge.

- April 17-18, 2003

Nadine E. Thomson RN, FNP-c held clinic with a representative from the Dallas AETC office, Angel Ribo, PA. Mr. Ribo has extensive HIV/AIDS experience and shadowed Nadine in clinic. Difficult patient cases were discussed and best treatment practices were reviewed for each case. Dr. J. Anaya participated in discussions regarding best medication treatment options. After clinic on the 17th, Mr. Ribo and Ms. Thomson met with Dr. A. Meza to discuss future educational activities and programs with AETC. This meeting took place at Texas Tech for 2 hours.

- April 23-24, 2003

Jessica Ojeda, caseworker attended training in Dallas on “Bridging Theory and Practice” sponsored by the TDH Community Planning Group (CPG). The training focused on the factors that influence behavior (FIB). It focused on the different risk factors such as male sex with male (MSM), intravenous drug use (IDU) and young MSM's. Role-play was conducted to help identify factors influencing behavior. The training information will help when doing pre-counseling and post counseling sessions for clients testing for HIV.

- April 24, 2003

Nadine Thomson RN, FNP-c gave a dinner presentation to hospice nurses caring for HIV/ AIDS clients and to nurses from the David Powell Clinic in Austin regarding Basic HAART (Highly Active Anti Retroviral Therapy). This 1-hour presentation was sponsored by BMS Virology and was part of the nurses ANAC meeting.

- April 29, 2003

Nadine Thomson RN, FNP-c and Dr. J. Anaya Pharm.D, attended a presentation during lunch at La Fe CARE Center regarding replicative capacity, viral fitness, resistance development and drug sequencing. This one-hour presentation was sponsored by Galaxo pharmaceuticals and Dr. John Fuchs, Pharm. D, gave the presentation. The presentation was given in response to questions both Ms. Thomson and Dr. Anaya had about the topics discussed.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

The case managers at La Fe CARE Center received 50 Easter baskets from 93.1 Kiss FM for children of the families infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. 16 families received the baskets the week before Easter Sunday for 2-4 children each.

San Ysidro Health Center:

Programmatic/Dissemination:

Site Visit

- Social Marketing Campaign
 - Previously scheduled to begin in May
 - Postponed until issues surrounding establishment of a 1-800 number, evaluation form, and web site can be addressed.
- Prevention funding cuts in CA are predicted. Program has received two months notice. The agency is attempting to establish other funding sources. Cuts are predicted at 25-30%.
- ADAP is considering co-pays on covered medications of \$10-\$40.
- SYHC Title III renewal application submitted.
- US-Mexico Border Health Association Meeting (May 27-30, San Diego). Abstract on local data accepted for oral presentation. Multi-site project accepted for poster presentation.

Evaluation:

- Request for amendment to IRB submitted (4/16/03) for questionnaires related to campaign evaluation. Instruments will be pilot tested prior to use.
- Year 03 second quarter reports were distributed to the partner sites on April 21, 2003. Some sites are having problems reporting HIV testing results. Internal systems may not be well equipped to document results in a timely manner.
- T.A. continues on HIV testing results databases.
- UCSD Evaluation is working with a local community college information systems program to provide an internship for one student. This individual will work 150 hours on creating databases for two local instruments.

Multi-site Data - 7/1/01- 4/30/03:

- Number of HIV + persons enrolled: 174
- Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 2305
- Number of results through HIV testing

- HIV positive- 28
- HIV negative- 1672
- Inconclusive- 11
- Total- 1711

Local Data:

- Number of outreach contacts (estimate):
Approximate total = 4574

Valley AIDS Council:

Clinical Capacity:

- PCPE Training scheduled for project nurses and physicians in Year 3 for compliance with the grant's Objective 1.4.
 - VAC staff attended PCPE training in February 2003 in Harlingen, Texas.
 - UMC staff attended PCPE training in April 2003 in Austin, Texas.

Dissemination:

- SPNS Partnership Meeting held in Pharr, Texas at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle.
 - The meeting was held April 29, 2003.
 - In attendance: University of Texas Health Science Center, United Medical Centers, Valley AIDS Council, and Nuestra Clinica Del Valle staff.
 - Also in attendance: Roche Pharmaceutical representatives to provide training to project nurses, physicians, and case managers.
 - Cathy Conley (Sales Representative) and Byron Russell (Clinical Specialist) provided training: "Updates on HIV Medications."
 - Elias Cantu, Jr. (SPNS Coordinator) will present at the United States Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA) Conference in San Diego, California.
 - The conference is scheduled May 27-30, 2003.
 - The poster presentation will be: "Proyecto Juntos: Social Marketing Campaign"
 - Charles R. Smith (SPNS Director) will present at the "HIV/AIDS 2003: The Social Work Response" conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 - The conference is scheduled May 29-June 1, 2003.
 - The presentation will be: "Ethics for Administrators and Executive Directors"

Publication:

- George Losoya conducted Qualitative Interviews at Valley AIDS Council in Harlingen, Texas.

- Interviews were conducted April 22, 2003 with patients who reported receiving medical care in Mexico.

Technical Assistance:

- TACHC staff installed new Telemedicine equipment at VAC in Harlingen. TACHC also provided Telemedicine training to Dr. Garcia, Charles R. Smith, and Elias Cantu, Jr.

Client Intervention:

- Nilda C. Grimaldo (LVN) provided HIV Education to patients from NCDV and VAC in McAllen, Texas on April 16, 2002. Education was presented in collaboration with VAC-Next Step Program monthly social meeting.

Cultural Competency Training:

- Valley AIDS Council hosted annual conference in McAllen, Texas on April 4, 2003.
 - “*Unidos en Cultura*” conference was headed by Director of Education, Andy Villa.
 - Conference was co-chaired by the newly appointed Director of Education, Marlana Rodriguez.

Sustainability:

- Discussion about sustainability was presented to project partners at the SPNS Partnership Meeting in Pharr, Texas at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle on April 29, 2003. In attendance: Lucy Ramirez (NCDV, Executive Director); Connie Villarreal (UMC, Counseling Services Coordinator); Elias Cantu, Jr. (VAC- SPNS Coordinator); and Yolanda Cantu (UTHSCSA- Project Evaluator).

Evaluation Center:

All Projects Meeting:

- Marguerite will be sending an email with the Hotel information for August. Room reservations have to be made by June 30th, 2003
- Reminder: Everyone who submitted proposals to the dissemination committee need to submit a data request to David Barney.
- The Evaluation Center needs any agenda items for the meeting sent to Marguerite by May 26th, 2003.
- The Evaluation Center will be asking at the August meeting for your site visit date preferences.

HIV/AIDS 2003: The Social Work Response:

- Betty Duran will send outlines for the Albuquerque Conference presentations to grantees this week. Power Point presentations are encouraged. Bring presentations on CD ROM. Grantees are encouraged to e-mail their presentations to Betty by Friday, May 23rd as a back-up against any technical problems.
- Please let Betty know who will be presenting for your site in Albuquerque. The Evaluation Center will present for San Ysidro and Multi-site.

HRSA:

- Recommended that the grantees take the initiative on continuation.
- Non-competitive Continuation Applications are due May 23rd.
- The new Grants Management Specialist is Pamela Baker (301-443-0197). Continuation applications and any questions concerning project grants should be addressed to Pamela. The mailing address is the same as before and please cc your project officer when you submit something to Grants Management.

Sustainability:

- Concerns regarding sustainability were divided into two groups: services and research.
- Dr. Tarter suggests that for renewal and other purposes that we should emphasis our potential to institute innovations introduced at one center that could be checked and possibly adpted at others.
- Concerns were also raised about migrant populations from the other side of the border being excluded from future services.
 - International HIV/AIDS organizations were identified as possible resources for future needs in this area as well as the Bureau of Primary Health Care.
 - Current multi-side data and publications will be needed to identify population size and needs to support these endeavors.
- A special call will be scheduled for May 22, 2003 at 10:30 CST (8:30 PST). The call is to last approximately one hour. Time will be split between service and research concerns. Yolonda will take the lead in developing an agenda.