

**US/Mexico Border Grantees Conference Call  
June 9, 2003 10:30 am CST**

**Participants:** Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project: Steve Trujillo - Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services: Yvonne Roacho, Veronica Salcido-Harding - Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe: America Jones, John Wiebe - San Ysidro Health Center: Rosana Scholari, Maria Zúñiga, Alisa Olshefsky - Valley AIDS Council: Elias Cantu, George Losoya - Evaluation Center: David Barney, Tim Brittingham, Ahmad Saleem, Paul Rowe, Lynda Williams, Herman Curiel - HRSA:

**Project Reports:**

*Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project:* (Steve Trujillo)

Trainings:

- On May 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. Estok (liaison between the clinic and AETC , replacing Dr. Goldsmith) provided consultation to Dr. Pimenta specific to patient care. Dr. Carmichael saw patients with Dr. 's Piña and Pimenta on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogalas, Arizona. Then on May 23<sup>rd</sup> provided patient specific consultation to Dr. Pimenta over the phone.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Carmichael saw 6 patients with Dr. Avina at Chiricahua Community Health Center.

AZ AIDS AETC:

- May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> the AZ AETC co-sponsored the Border HIV/STD/TB Conference with the National TB Training Center and the San Francisco STD Training Center. Project collaborators from Mariposa Clinic and Cochise County Health Department attended the conference.
- TAETC and SIA nurse supervisor coordinated the shadowing for nurses from Sunset Clinic on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The nurses spent the day with SIA nurses and physicians during clinic
- Dr. Carol Galper completed goals and objectives for the 8 training topics developed by Dr. Pan Reid Duffy and Dr. Goldsmith. Dr. Galper is exploring the idea of developing the training topics into a self-paced training manual.

Outreach Activities:

- Yuma – YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras continue outreach in Yuma and the surrounding communities. Outreach is conducted in fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, college campuses and through the use of house parties. Outreach is targeted at MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women.

- Santa Cruz – Mariposa Community Health Center continues to outreach the established local sites and the outlying communities of Rio Rico and Patagonia. Cesar Grijalva and Ana Dutram continue to participate on the local radio program when invited. Outreach is targeted to MSM, IDUs, sexual partners, and Latina women. The project coordinator and Platicamos Salud staff are working to schedule a meeting with the staff of CISAL in Nogales Sonora to discuss outreach prevention, medical care and adherence issues. Norma Sotomayor (SIA 3C) will accompany the project coordinator.
- Cochise – The HIV case managers, Sofia Somerstein and Emma Ramirez have begun outreach efforts in Cochise County providing information on HIV/AIDS, HIV counseling and testing, ADAP and the ABHAC Project. CCHD staff has contacted Drs Ryan and Avina to work closely with Chiricahau Clinic to better coordinate services for patients in Cochise County. Dr. Garcia continues his efforts to collaborate with the health department and physicians in Mexico.

#### Dissemination Activities:

- Presented at the Boston College “HIV/AIDS and Families conference in Albuquerque with OU and other Border Project staff.
- Tony/Barb's abstract accepted for APHA conference in San Francisco.

#### Project Enrollment:

- 3 patients in Cochise County and 1 in Pima County.

#### Local Evaluation:

- OU site visit occurred on May 19<sup>th</sup> and local and multi-site evaluation issues were discussed

#### Announcement:

- ABHAC Project collaborator meeting scheduled for July 11, 2003.

#### ***Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services:***

#### PROGRAMMATIC: (Veronica Salcido-Harding and)

- All CdV staff and contractors attended the cultural competency training with Carlos Nagel on May 9.
- On June 4th in collaboration with SoAHEC Camino de Vida sponsored a training "Community Animators" taught by Carols Nejel.
- On June 10th during CdV's monthly client staff cooperative, Bob Munk Principal author and Project Coordinator for the New Mexico AIDS INFONET will present on "How to talk to your Doctor" simultaneous translation will be available for those clients who do not speak Spanish.

- On June 11th in collaboration with SoAHEC and NMAETC Dr. Steve Jenison will present on Perinatal Transmission to the MMC residency program.
- On June 12th CdV staff/HOWs will attend a training on "How to Work with Groups and the people in them"
- International AIDS Vigil on June 27th (National HIV Testing Day)
- Yvonne also updated the staff about the HIV testing database she created in SPSS. Now the agency can keep track of all of the testing electronically and can generate reports easily.

LOCAL EVALUATION: (Yvonne Roacho)

- Michelle and Veronica updated the CdV staff with a power point presentation on May 16. We had a very productive discussion and generated ideas about future presentations.
- The NMBHI team finished and submitted the continuation proposal.
- Michelle and Veronica developed the poster presentation for the USMBHA conference.
- Michelle and Kari developed the presentation on integrating resources and capacity building in a small agency for the Social Work conference.
- Michelle worked with Kari on the presentation for the multi-site session at the Social Work conference.
- Michelle, Kari, and all of the Case Managers attended the Social Work conference. Several of the sessions were very interesting.
- Michelle has been and will continue to read articles and article summaries in preparing to publish. Jennifer has been extremely helpful in conducting the literature reviews.
- Michelle is hoping to go to Norman this summer to receive technical support from the Multi-site evaluators in working with the barriers and local data. If possible, Yvonne will go also.

***San Ysidro Health Center:***

Programmatic/Dissemination: (Rosana Scholari)

- Social Marketing Campaign
  - US-Mexico Border Health Association meeting (May 27-30, San Diego). Oral presentation on Transborder HIV+ client healthcare utilization. Multi-site project presented as poster. Thanks to Alisa, America for Veronica standing by the poster and thanks to David and Tim for creating it.
  - American Public Health Association meeting (San Francisco, Nov 15-19) Abstract on border crossing was accepted as a poster session .
  - National HIV Testing Day, June 27<sup>th</sup> - Last year close to 100 persons were tested in 4 hours. This year's goal is to reach or exceed that number.

Thursday Rosana will be interviewed in conjunction with the testing campaign.

- Rosana, Maria and Alisa will be conducting site visits with local partner agencies to update themselves as to changes in services and needs that may have occurred over the past 6-8 months.

Evaluation: (Maria Zúñiga and Alisa Olshefsky)

- Site expressed that Protocol on project dissemination for replication should be established.
- Dr. Tarter met with the Evaluation unit on 5/15/03 to discuss a data analysis plan for subsequent paper on transborder activity and health seeking behavior.
- UCSD IRB approved social marketing surveys (both phone and web) on 6/3/03. Initial trainings on phone surveys were conducted on 6/3/03 and 6/5/03. The survey that will be administered at HIV testing was distributed to partner sites on 6/4/03. Each site will pilot the survey with 3-5 clients who receive HIV testing services.
- Progress continues on the creation of two local databases for the Client Knowledge of Services Form and the Case Management Referral form. Both databases should be complete by August 2003.

Multi-site Data:        **7/1/01- 5/29/03**

- Number of HIV + persons enrolled: 174
- Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 2441
- Number of results through HIV testing
  - HIV positive- 28
  - HIV negative- 1923
  - Inconclusive- 12
  - Total- 1963

Local Data:

- Number of outreach contacts (estimate):  
Approximate total = 4791

***Valley AIDS Council:*** (Elias Cantu)

Dissemination:

- Elias Cantu, Jr. attended the United States-Mexico Border Health Association Conference (USMBHA) in San Diego, CA on May 28, 2003. Poster Presentation titled: “*Proyecto Juntos: Social Marketing*”.
- Charles R. Smith attended the HIV/AIDS 2003: The Social Work Response conference in Albuquerque, NM on May 29-June 1, 2003. Presentation titled: “Ethics for Administrators and Executive Directors.”

- SPNS Partnership Meeting scheduled for July 11, 2003 at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle (NCDV) in Pharr, Texas. Elias Cantu, Jr. is scheduled to present to the University of Texas- Pan American at Edinburg (UTPA) at the request of Dr. Robert Gwen.

#### Technical Assistance:

- Dr. Herman Curiel will provide presentation to Valley AIDS Council staff on June 19, 2003 in Harlingen, Texas. Presentations titled: "Case Management" and "Death & Dying."

#### Site Visit:

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) conducted a site visit at VAC on May 12, 2003.
  - Evaluation staff met with VAC staff to work on the Social Marketing Campaign publication.
  - Evaluation staff met with NCDV staff and conducted a qualitative interview with Project physician.

#### Client-Intervention:

- Nilda C. Grimaldo (LVN) provided HIV Education presentation to patients from NCDV and VAC in McAllen, Texas on May 14, 2003. Education was presented in collaboration with VAC- Next Step Program at the monthly social meeting.

#### Clinical Capacity:

- Physician Precepting scheduled at VAC with Dr. Fernando Garcia and NCDV physician on May 22, 2003 was rescheduled for June 2003.

#### Trainings/ Presentations:

- VAC attended presentation provided by the Texas Department of Health on May 20, 2003. Presentation focused on proposed changes to the Texas HIV Medication Program (AIDS Drug Assistance Program- ADAP).

#### Programmatic:

- Submitted FY 2003: Non-competing Continuation Application to Grants Management Office at Health Resources and Services Administration on May 22, 2003.

Project Data Collection Activities: (George Lasoya)

- As of May 28, 2003 there are 199 unduplicated records in the Local Evaluation database. There was an increase of 11 cases from the last reported amount of 186.
- A total of 1221 forms have been entered into the National multi site database as of 05/28/2003. The following table summarizes this data: 197 unduplicated records in the National Database.

Module	Start Date	Totals Reported Previous Month				New Activity Since last Report				Totals to Date			
A - Demographic	030101	192				5				197			
B- Lifestyle	030101	186				5				191			
C- Change	030103	31				1				32			
D- Risk Factor	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		189	70	5	264	5	3	4	12	194	73	9	276
E -Quality of Life	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		166	69	2	237	8	2	2	12	174	71	4	249
F-Barriers to Care	110101	164				4				168			
G -Client Satisfaction	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		89	11	1	101	3	3	1	7	92	14	2	108

Other Evaluation Activities:

- Consent Forms revised for HIPAA compliance were received with IRB approval on May 10, 2003. The Consent Forms was delivered to Project Coordinator Elias Cantu on May 12, 2003 and enrolment of new subjects into the study was resumed.
- Qualitative interview was conducted with CHC Physician on May 12, 2003 in Pharr TX.
- Local Evaluation staff met with VAC staff on May 12, 2003 to review Social Marketing Campaign data and begin work on the Social Marketing Intervention paper.
- Evaluation Report was submitted to the Valley AIDS Council for submission of Continuation Application Grant on May 22, 2003.
- The Evaluation Team continues to work with VAC staff on data quality assurance.
- We plan to complete qualitative interviews by the end of summer.
- We have begun the transcribing the qualitative interviews.
- An abstract on the project training model was submitted to the Texas Rural Health Association on May 30, 2003.
- Conference call for the sustainability of Border initiative projects was facilitated by Yolanda Cantu on May 22, 2003. The only project on the call was San Diego. Time was set aside for further discussion at the Project meeting in El Paso in August.

*Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe: (America Jones)*

**TESTING**

<b>Month Year 2003</b>	<b>Pre Test Counseling</b>	<b>Post Test Counseling</b>	<b>Result Negative</b>	<b>Result Positive</b>	<b>New Clients Enrolled @ LFCC</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Development Activities:

- May 1- 7, 2003 - Nadine Thomson, FNP-c from La Fe CARE Center compiled then presented to the CQI committee (on May 7<sup>th</sup>) the first quarter of 2003 continuous quality improvement (CQI) chart audit results. Recommendations for improvement and modification to two of the audit indicators were made after a discussion about audit results.
- May 17, 2003 - The staff/peers at La Fe CARE Center attended JCAHO/PCER Review Training at La Fe's Culture & Technology Center. Mary Delgado, Irma Rangel, America Jones, and Connie Reyes facilitated the training. The agenda included an OSHA training + MSDS, review of infection control, exposure control, and plant, technology and safety manuals. General information included: mission statement, patient rights & responsibilities, HIPAA/Patient Privacy Act, releasing of medical records, review of advanced directives, patient satisfaction survey, suggestion box, performance improvement concept, and a general review of all manuals. Break out sessions allowed staff to meet with their individual departments/areas to discuss specific topics and a question/answer period.
- May 20, 2003 - America Jones facilitated the monthly departmental meeting. Topics reviewed with staff were; customer service, telephone technique, dress code, and environment of care. The medical records audit criteria tool was reviewed and provided for all staff. Emphasis was made on the organizations goals/objectives, performance improvement, and team building strategies. The meeting prompted an informative question and answer discussion. Goals to facilitate communication among staff were addressed, as well as topics for discussion for future departmental meetings.

Training:

- May 10 - 11, 2003 - Nadine Thomson, FNP-c at La Fe CARE Center attended a Speaker's Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona sponsored by Galaxo Smith Kline (GSK)

Pharmaceutical Company. This summit was held for providers of HIV/AIDS care in order to update them on the most current treatments available for HIV infected individuals. Results of some of the latest studies using GSK medications were reviewed and then discussed among audience participants. All participants will be expected to do an HIV presentation in the future to other healthcare providers. To better prepare the participants for this, classes were held to facilitate skills in advanced power point presentations. Speaking skill sessions were also provided.

- May 27, 2003- Nadine Thomson, FNP-c met with Dr. Armando Meza, Medical Director at La Fe CARE Center, Jon Booth (Technical Sales Representative) from Dianon Systems and Karmy Medrano (Territory Manager) from LabCorp regarding the collaboration of Dianon with LabCorp to handle Pathology specimens for CARE. The group discussed some of the problems CARE has had in the past with pathology specimens and how Dianon will be better able to handle these type specimens. Dianon, recently purchased by LabCorp, will be able to start taking specimens this fall.
- May 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 2003- Ms. America Jones, Administrator and Ms. Renee Bannon, Comptroller, from La Fe CARE Center attended the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the United States-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA), titled “Working Together for a Healthy Border”. An abstract was submitted and a poster was presented titled, “Comprehensive Health Service Delivery for HIV + Latinos Living Along the US-Mexico Border: A Multi-site Collaboration of Five Demonstration Projects. The participants attended panels on approaches to HIV/AIDS, STD’s, and Substance Abuse along the US-Mexico Border.
- May 28 - June 01, 2003 - Rosa Vasquez RN, Norma Minjares (social worker), Rosa Luna LMSW-ACP, and Toni Aguilar LMSW from La Fe CARE Center attended the Fifteenth Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS in Albuquerque, NM. The conference theme was “HIV/AIDS and Families: Special Issues, Special Needs for Families of Origin...For Families of Choice”. The group presented a panel abstract identifying the social and cultural issues that affect the delivery of HIV/AIDS medical care and services to the border population. The presentation included the complexity in coordinating care for a population that is rural, transient, bilingual, and without immigration documentation. They also identified special issues that will assist social workers in better understanding the needs of this population.
- May 29, 2003 - Ms. Nadine Thomson, FNP-c provided a dinner presentation to nurses working with HIV/AIDS clients at the Magic Pan Restaurant in El Paso sponsored by Bristol Meyer Squibb Virology. The topic, “Basic HIV Treatment” was well received and prompted an enthusiastic question and answer discussion.

Evaluation: (John Wiebe)

- Data collection with time two instrument is on going.
- Abstract accepted for APHA titled “Mental Health Needs on the Border”.
- Suggested that simultaneous development of English and Spanish survey instruments is helpful in overcoming translation obstacles. This in reference to difficulties expressed by many of the sites regarding translation of scales. Dr. Wiebi would be

happy to share information concerning simultaneous development with interested parties.

***Evaluation Center:***

- In regards to a question concerning HIPPA and OU's IRB, Dr. Barney will look into how HIPPA may impact year 5 medical chart reviews.

***HRSA:***

- No representative available for this call due to grant reviews being conducted at this time.