

HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call Monday, January 8, 2007 @ Noon CST

Participants

SPIPA	Jutta Riediger
NAHC	
ANTHC	Doreen Lacy, Gloria Eldridge
4CC	Sherrick Roanhorse, Kevin Foley
YK	Carl Evans
NC	Trish Carter
HRSA	Sandi Duggan, Adan Cajina
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates

Healing Lodge

Trish reported there was a youth rally in December attended by more than 500 people. She had about 400 pamphlets to pass out during her presentation on HIV+. The event also featured guest speakers and drama teams.

There was one outreach activity regarding HIV testing at a resource center where 3 tests were conducted. Another outreach activity had to be rescheduled for January. There were several walk-ins at the Healing Lodge requesting treatment. Healing Lodge provided referrals.

The project conducted HIV testing using OraQuick Advanced in November which resulted in 7 positive tests but they were false positives. Questions still remain about two of seven tests. The project has addressed this issue with the Department of Health and OraSure. Healing Lodge is following up on the false positive results.

Trish had emailed the project update report to OU but it was sent back. Saleem gave Trish his email address so Trish can resend the project update form.

SPIPA

Jutta reported continued delays in project events due to bad weather that have resulted in power outages and windstorms.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date: 1/8/07

Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/8 N/1	S/113 N/82	HIV counseling & testing	S/8 N/2	S/58 N/75
Group Outreach Contacts	S/37 N/0	S/783 N /1704	Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Community Survey	S/0 N/9	S/100 N/100	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	4	
HIV+ clients enrolled to date			4 patients currently in the referral system		

Please note that Nisqually was not able to report numbers, therefore the data above reflects the December outreach and testing status for Nisqually.

Planning Activities

Nisqually: Set additional dates with drug/alcohol group for January. The first to be held on Jan. 10.
Shoalwater Bay: Additional drug/alcohol groups are being scheduled for Jan. 9 and 31.

Other Data Collection Activities:

Data Collection is completed at Shoalwater Bay and at Nisqually. Data input will be completed this week. Karina is working on the final evaluation.

Dissemination Activities:

SPIPA staff submitted an abstract for the 2007 Circle of Harmony Conference in Albuquerque. Karina is working on an article. She will also brief the SPNS Advisory Board on Feb. 8.

Training Activities:

Held one staff meeting to discuss mandatory grant activities and outreach events. Met with each staff member individually to develop the Jan through March outreach plan.

Outreach Activities:

Shoalwater Bay: Hosted Awareness session on Rapid Testing, hosted Focus Group with 17 Elders attending, hosted an Elder luncheon outreach event, had Youth participate in Xmas event to discuss personal safety during the holidays with all health projects, including the SPNS project.
Nisqually: Hosted a very engaged drug/alcohol meeting with HIV positive speaker. The participants asked for more events.

Other items to be discussed:

The Northwest weather has been a huge barrier to successful outreach for both tribes since beginning of November. This area has endured one major storm after another with many power outages and damaging winds. Events, such as special testing days were planned and announced, but had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. Shipment of OraSure material could not be delivered due to clinic closures. When delivered days or even a week later, the material was not able to be used since Fed Ex did not observe the refrigeration requirements.

The Nisqually Tribal Center experienced a break-in over the New Year's holidays. Several offices, including that of the SPNS Tribal Advocate were broken into and computers, printers and office equipment stolen. Much of the tribal staff's craft and give-away material was taken. SPIPA will give Raylene a loaner computer and the Tribe's insurance company will cover the loss.

Jutta reported that Debbie is finishing last 14 surveys. The project will have 200 surveys completed.

Jutta reported the project has been receiving inquiries on testing youngsters. The project has been able to work with one of the health departments for testing and maintaining confidentiality. Carl and Jutta discussed the issue of post exposure prophylaxis.

YK

Carl said it has been quite few weeks due to the holidays. The hospital conducted 114 in house quick tests. Carl conducted 5 tests. He also trained providers and lab personnel at one of the subregional clinics on how to do counseling and testing. They conducted 8 tests which is a big step to provide access to testing. They reported people expressing an interest of testing being conducted at the villages.

Mark is working on the paper with Gloria. He's had a couple of other projects that have kept him busy.

Local jail called Carl and expressed an interest in HIV presentation. They are looking possibly doing quick tests in the jail system in Bethel which serves 48 villages in the YK area. It will be a big step if the project could conduct testing there.

Carl will be sending outreach materials (DVDs and pamphlets, condoms and posters) as part of dissemination and education for each individual clinic.

Carl asked about the final report and the final meeting requirements. He also asked Trish if Healing Lodge conducted blood draws on the false positives. Trish said blood draws were done after the rapid tests. Responding to Carl, she said that the participants were told that these were preliminary findings that will be followed up with confirmatory tests. They were worried about the preliminary findings. Other concerns were due to the fact that the kits were expiring by the end of November (that is when the tests were conducted) but the company said that shouldn't have been a problem.

4CC

Sherrick said 4CC's data collection in November shows 42 health surveys completed, 262 pre and post test completed in Gallup.

Project continues to collect chart extraction data and physical health chart extraction data from IHS. Sherrick is trying to organize the data. Data collection was completed in December but more data will become available once certain charts are completed by NAN and NCI. The project is working on two articles including examining correlation between traditional and western medicine. Sherrick is working on formatting an Excel dataset into SPSS.

Recent activities include Sherrick attending a training sponsored and provided by NAN in Gallup on HIV and Navajo LGBT individuals on December 20th. Project is also working with NAHC. Joey is analyzing data comparing rural and urban medicine.

Kevin added that although 262 people have completed pre and post test at NCI, 326 people had signed up to be part of the research project. People are still coming back even after a year to do post test and get their incentive. The project is looking at whether they are still holding on to the information they learned a year ago in the post test. It is also examining how that affects post test results. Since people who signed up keep coming in, the final number may go up from 262 to 300.

The project is also developing another collaborative with the Department of Health in the County to conduct TB and Hepatitis C testing and treatment. The project is also negotiating with them on continuing HIV testing.

NAN conducted HIV/AIDS Counselor training on December 13 for about 20 people including counselors, behavioral health techs, and certified nursing assistants on homophobia and being able to open to address issues with the population, as well as general information about AIDS and HIV transmission. NAN also conducted training for the general community in Gallup the following week. This was in keeping with one the project's objectives in the original project to train counselors to sustain the project beyond the five years, be able to talk to people, educate them, and prepare them to reduce high risk behaviors.

NCI held tenth annual sobriety ____ dance and pow wow on December 31st. The theme was "ten years of honoring sobriety in our community." Only over 3,000 people attended compared to 6,000 people last year. The difference could be due the event being held on a Sunday night. There is no alcohol sale in Gallup on Sunday. One unintended outcome of last year's event was no police calls for domestic violence or anything major related to alcohol. The project is still looking into the outcome of what happened in the community that night this year.

4CC should be finishing an article by the end of this month on culturally supportive intervention and they are working on another article on rural case management. They will be submitting their documents to Navajo Nation IRB so they could be on the February agenda to get approval for the articles.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Healthy Transitions

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities

Number of risk assessments completed	121	Number of post-test education/counseling provided	
Number of pre-test education/counseling sessions completed		Number of HIV tests performed by NSHC lab and billed to ANTHC	
Number of testing referral forms completed		Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	0

Other Data Collection Activities:

Doreen reviewed and cleaned data 193 records of the 246 in database. Data cleaning complete on my end, need other data cleaned when in Nome. The next task is to acquire data from Kim to submit new data since last transfer.

Dissemination Activities:

Carol- Position Update (no one is seriously interested in position). We need to develop a "Plan B" in case we do not get a position based in Nome.

Training Activities:

Doreen completed the Substance Abuse Treatment for Persons with HIV/AIDS (Correspondence Course) through the Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training Program (RADACT). Received certificate. The course provided detailed information on the HIV virus that causes AIDS, how it is spread, prevention, treatment, and counseling people with HIV and substance abuse disorders.

Outreach Activities:

Pending Position in Nome

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Doreen plans to participate in the YK Delta's STD/HIV Assessment Group teleconference on January 9, 2007 at 1:30 PM AK. From the previous teleconference Doreen participated in, the teleconference provided a rich discussion on what things were going on in the YK region addressing STD and HIV/AIDS.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Doreen contacts Glen regularly on program support and guidance.

Other items to be discussed:

Doreen plans her first visit to Nome the week of January 22, 2007 to meet with Carol and hopefully, the new Intervention Specialist/ Project Coordinator.

January is the final month for data collection (per Dr. Berner's approval). Currently waiting to hear from Sandra on whether incentives to get more people in Nome tested was approved or not, which were submitted in the recent Budget modification. Doreen and Carol planned on ways to get more people to come in for testing (incentives, anonymous drawings). Need to figure out ways for high-risk persons to know their HIV status in the remote villages as well, especially those who would like to be tested who cannot afford to fly to Nome to get tested.

Doreen will also contact Tracy about the papers that she was working on when she left the project to see if she could pick up from where Tracy left off.

Doreen also plans to participate in state of Alaska's "Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling" in Anchorage in February.

Sandi said she had sent Doreen an email regarding her inquiry.

Gloria said Doreen is doing a great job cleaning the data file.

HRSA Updates

Sandi responded to Carl's question about the final report. HRSA has a template to which questions pertaining to a particular grant are added, specifically relating to the requirements of the original RFP. The final report is due 90 days after the grant ends. The format will be sent to grantees well in advance. There shouldn't be any problems completing the report in the allotted deadlines because the projects already provide project updates to OU.

OU Updates

Saleem talked about the final meeting in April. The hotel check-in date is April 25. Presentations will be finalized/updated on April 26. Presentations will be made at the HRSA Parklawn building on April 27. The presentation format is similar to final report format and could be considered a preview of the final report in a slide presentation form. The length of the presentation and the agenda have not been finalized. The hotel is Double Tree in Rockville. The conference room has been reserved. Adan said the hotel is within walking distance of the Parklawn building. There is also a free shuttle bus every 15 minutes from the hotel to the building.

Saleem requested the projects that weren't able to send in their project update forms to send them in prior to individual conference calls.

Calls regularly scheduled for Monday, January 15 will be moved to January 22nd due to Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday.

The TA Center now has a new address and a fax number which was forwarded to the projects earlier today.

Dr. Bonnie Duran has a new email address which has been added to the TA Center's contact page.

This is Saleem's last all project conference call as he will be leaving the project on January 31st.

Conference call phone numbers will remain the same. Nancy's phone number has now changed to 405 325 1391.

Conference call ended at 12:46 pm