

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, January 9, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Debbie Gardipee
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge, Sherry Trigg, Aldrich Mazonna
4CC	Melvin Harrison, Bonita Baxter
YK	Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett, Robert Hunt, Trish Carter
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates

ANTHC

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Healthy Transitions

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities

Number of risk assessments completed	84	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	110
Number of testing referral forms completed	117	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	

Other Data Collection Activities:

David Neal from UAA evaluation team and Trinh Johnson from NSHC Behavioral Health Services got the database downloading from NSHC to UAA up and running. The first collection was the beginning of January 2006.

Dissemination Activities:

One abstract (Historic Trauma and its Relationship to HIV-activities in villages) was accepted as an oral presentation and one abstract (Gender Differences in Title III Data) was accepted as a poster presentation for the May 2006 Embracing Our Traditions Conference. These presentations will be worked on during the HRSA meeting in January.

Training Activities:

Gloria and Sherry Provide HIV/AIDS 101 training to 11 Village-Based Counselors (VBCs). The evaluation of the program showed that providers increased their readiness to provide HIV information, confidence in their ability to provide HIV information, and perception of the importance of providing HIV information – both to clients and to other individuals in their respective villages. The VBCs were an outstanding group to train – extremely receptive and interested in acquiring and using the information. Also, a collaboration of Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) did a training session with VBC's. SPNS project will be working closely with STAR in the future to do training in the Norton Sound Region.

Outreach Activities:

Aldrich and Sherry will be doing community outreach to 3 villages the week of January 17-21: Savoonga, Shishmaref, and St.Michael. There will be education on HIV/AIDS Prevention in the community and how the community can get involved with education. Contacting the School District to get approval for HIV/AIDS Prevention in the schools. Following up with focus groups that were held of April 2005. And will present to the St. Michael's IRA Council at the Annual Meeting.

Aldrich is invited to Brevig Mission to do an HIV/AIDS training session. There he will present to the school, students & teachers, and the community.

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Other items to be discussed:

Attending Norton Sound Health Corporation *Scientific Advisory Board* meeting on January 16 will present the SPNS project and what information has been gathered from NSHC to the board.

Bi-weekly factoids as an advertisement shown prior to movies at local movie theater, local scanner channel, and the newspaper.

Planning for annual events held in Nome: Youth & Elders Conference in February and the Iditarod basketball tournament in March.

YK

- Carl said Mark has been working on the Monograph.
- Mark said the monograph article is close to completion. Hope to have it completed and submitted to human studies committee at YKHC by the end of this week, and certainly before the grantee meeting. Nancy has been providing TA on it. It provides an overview of western Alaska. There is not a whole lot of concern about HIV/AIDS in the general population of western Alaska but the region also has some of the highest STI rates and co-morbidities such as substance abuse, alcoholism, and drug use. In other parts of the world, when there are such risk factors, HIV can and has become an epidemic. That is the fear for western Alaska but the general population doesn't really see that. The article looks at past epidemics because past epidemics in western Alaska virtually wiped out complete villages (TB, diphtheria, influenza) in late 18 and early 1900s. Looking at those past epidemics and comparing them to HIV as what could happen due to a lot of similarities.
- Carl said he and Mark will be working on getting focus groups again this spring. Will revisit some villages. Working on curriculum to work with health aides when they come in training to do risk assessment and risk reduction. This will be a big step in the delta for the health aides to be comfortable with talking about risk and risk factors. Four out of 48 villages have regional clinics and the project wants to get the quick tests out to them. They want to do it but the project will have to set up training for that.
- Carl is working with public health and corrections in Bethel, as well as with family clinic to do a needs assessment looking at STI and HIV in the Delta, and try to coordinate all the different groups to work together. Trying to coordinate different niches to be more productive. Will meet every couple of weeks to get that going.
- Received an updated NGA for the grant from Sandi. Carl had submitted request for budget revision to get a health educator to help train.
- Have a big health fair coming up which has big educational impact for this area. It allows the project to distribute HIV information and to set up for people to do individual test counseling followed by the quick test. That will take place in a month and a half.
- Carl continues to help with the case management and work with some of the clients. Have been testing the spouses of those HIV positive clients.

SPIPA

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

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Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/1 N/5	S/35 N/52	HIV counseling & testing	S/0 N/5	S/? N/46
Group Outreach Contacts	S/52 N/91	S/408 N /737	Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Community Survey	S/21 N/15	S/44 N/17	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
HIV+ clients enrolled to date	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0			

Planning Activities

Nisqually is planning HIV sessions, which also include making chokers and painting drums. January presentation dates are for an HIV/AIDS information session for the Daycare Providers, a Focus Group and a data presentation to the Health Board

Shoalwater Bay is planning a parenting class and a data presentation to the Health Board

SPIPA Staff met with **Tribal Staff** to plan outreach and dissemination activities for the next six months of the grant year.

SPIPA Staff is planning an Advisory Board Meeting in February with a data presentation by the Washington State Department of Health.

Other Data Collection Activities:

Both Nisqually and Shoalwater Bay Tribes are conducting surveys at local events and health fairs.

Dissemination Activities:

SPIPA's Newsletter contained two articles: one on the Health Fair at Nisqually and the HIV/AIDS outreach at that Tribe and one on Meth and HIV with access numbers to the Tribal HIV/AIDS Advocates and SPIPA.

The **SPIPA Board** approved the article for the monograph.

The Tribal HIV/AIDS Advocates will update the Red Talon Project today on the SPNS activities.

Training Activities:

SPIPA staff and **Tribal Advocates** will participate in two BEAR Training sessions this month. The topics are: Native American Risk Assessment, HIV 101 for the Provider and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis. Training will be provided by physicians from the University of Washington at the local Tribal Clinic.

Outreach Activities:

Nisqually – Hosted a health fair and despite the snow, 91 people attended.

Shoalwater Bay hosted an information session before Christmas with Tribal members making decorations featuring the red ribbon.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

N/A

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Sent copies of SPIPA newsletter and information on the new SPIPA Building.

Other items to be discussed:

- o Jutta said SPIPA staff met with tribal staff to plan the next six months to look at youth and drug/alcohol outreach, and to pull the local resources. There have been some shifts in the local health department personnel so the project is redirecting its effort to find people that can assist the tribes.
- o Karina did a data presentation at the last SPIPA advisory board meeting. Would like to do a follow up by looking at the overall picture in Washington State regarding Native American statistics.
- o Responding to Glenn about presentation in May, Jutta said Karina had requested a panel presentation but she received word that the project was accepted for a single 20 minutes presentation. Jutta and the tribal staff will be the presenters.
- o Responding to Nancy about the monograph, Jutta said Karina is still looking for pictures for it. The article itself has been approved and will be forwarded to OU.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	328
Health Surveys	?
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	55
Number of new SPNS clients	0

Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	6
Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	49
Clients receiving Mental health svcs	?
Clients receiving dental svcs	5

Clients referred substance abuse txment	0
UDC visiting drop in Center	47
Clients receiving HIV Program Services	34
Clients receiving medical svcs	16

Other Data Collection Activities:

- Mini needs assessment around services provided in conjunction with holiday gathering

Dissemination Activities:

- Arranging interview with client(s) for substance abuse paper

Training Activities:

- Director, substance abuse case manager & Subcontractee NAAP attended Multidisciplinary case conference training sponsored by Office of AIDS
- Nurse case manager & substance abuse case manager attended ADAP enrollment & ADAP/Medicare Part D trainings

Outreach Activities:

- World AIDS Day Event
- Weekly outing with Mobile Crisis Outreach Van
- Began going to one needle exchange site—will continue to go weekly
- Drop in center now has daily activities to supplement weekly beading class

HIV Program Services Activities:

- Christmas/holiday gathering
- Meetings with DPH around Orasure Quick Advance and the high rate of false positive—new protocol is being established, county wide.
- A lot of outreach to our clients who need to sign up for Medicare Part D as it began impacting them January 1.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

- Talked with Glenn about rapid test kits and trying to negotiate cheaper rate through Orasure

Other items to be discussed:

- Maritza also reported that is a high rate of false positive with the oral swab in San Francisco. The oral positive will have to be followed up with a finger prick, and if a finger prick comes up negative, then it is very likely that the oral swab was false positive but they will still go ahead and do a standard blood draw.

- The project hasn't had many false positives and few positives in general so it perhaps won't impact the project as much but there are places where they are having one in 10 false positives.
- Carl asked if the project is doing the finger prick the same time when it gets a positive. Maritza said that according to the protocol, if you do an oral and it comes up positive, then it is followed up with a finger prick, and then also followed up with a western – blot test.
- Have about 12 clients that are impacted by Medicare Part D program.
- Responding to Saleem, Maritza said she has read the rough draft of the monographs but hasn't been able to work on it. Hoping to work some on it in DC.

4CC

- Melvin reported medical chart data extraction is now taking place. At the last 4CC meeting, it was reported that 19 had been completed. Bonnie is going to assess the data and give it to Dr. Iralu.
- 4CC annual strategic planning retreat will take place on Feb 2nd during the next 4CC meeting to discuss strategy for this year and into next year. The project will take about the health surveys to increase participation. Will discuss finalizing CBPR article for the monograph. The NAN office (provides case management for this collaborative) will hold a ___ summit/retreat sometime in March. Hope to conduct a two focus groups at the retreat. Hope to get as many clients as they can together for the retreat because it is difficult for them to get together due to transportation barrier.
- NAN also has a new case manager onboard.
- Dr. Iralu will conduct a plenary session and discuss some of data the project is gathering for the 4CC project. He is an invited guest speaker. Kevin will do a presentation as well for the 4CC project. Melvin will have a poster and an oral presentation entitled "Culturally sensitive resources and tools for HIV case management" for a manual that is being worked on for the last couple of years based on Alaska Native/Native American/Native Hawaiian Be Safe model. The poster session is entitled "Rural reservation based culturally appropriate HIV care services."
- Kevin and NCI held annual sobriety pow wow on new year's eve which was a success.

Healing Lodge

Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

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Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	4	Risk Behaviors	4
Spirituality	4	Self Value	4
Belief & Behavior	4	Client Satisfaction	4
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	4	Testing/Counseling	4
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	4	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	4

Data Collection Activities: *Pastor/Lay*

Demographics	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (pre)	
Spirituality	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (post)	
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	0	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	0	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Spiritual Connection Activities:

The Spiritual Connections program held a Lay Health Advisor Training and Dinner Dec. 13th at the Lumber River Conference Building. The purpose of this meeting was to bring Lay Health Advisor together and give them an opportunity to share their experiences how the spiritual connections has help to make a difference in their personal live and church family.

Rev. Jerry Scott gave his personal experience of how the Spiritual Connection has made a difference in his listening skills and how this has made a difference in his ministry. Trish Carter, Connie Bullard, Clyde Epps and Jennings Bullard also gave there testimonies. We encourage the attendees to continue the great work they are doing. We have 40 in attendance

It was great to have Dr. Glenn Solomon at the meeting his comments was both inspiring and encouraging.

The Spiritual Connections program along with five local churches put together an alternative to New Years Youth

Rally that was hosted by Mt Airy Baptist Church. This was a very productive event with 300 in attendance.

Melenie and Jackie have scheduled a Lay Advisor Cab meeting for January 24th

Dissemination Activities:

- Stevie Jacobs, who when through the SPNS program and myself did an interview with Channel 13 TV on Dec. 28th to promote the Dec. 30th Alternative Youth Rally. The interview was aired on 6pm and 11pm new which was broadcast in North and South Carolina
- Robert did a STD to training 12th graders at Red Springs High School. There were 17 in a attendance and 32 pcs. of materials distributed.
- Robert did a STD presentation for a teen empowerment class. There were 13 that attended and 16 pcs. of materials distributed.
- I spoke at the Pembroke Kiwanis meeting. There was 20 in attendance.
- Attended the Region 5 HIVIDS monthly meeting in Fayetteville NC on Jan. 6th. There were 24 in attendance. I spoke at the Robeson County Retired School Teacher Association monthly meeting. The topic was on HIV / AID and other disparities that are affecting Native American.
- I spoke at the Parkton Presbyterian Church about the services that the Healing Lodge provides.
- Attended the Dogwood consortia meeting in Cumberland County.
- Attended the Office Minority Health Council meeting in New Burn NC.
- Set up a booth at the Youth Rally at Mt. Airy Baptist Church. We gave out 150 peaces of materials. We began collecting Names, phone # and email address at this event so we could build our data base for future use. It was the consensuses of the group that we have another youth event in August of 2006. I also interviewed several to do get there response to the event.
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Faith Based Training Activities:

- Zion Hill Baptist Church has agreed to host our next Spiritual Connection Training February 18th and 25th 2006

Outreach Activities:

- Office testing 5 HIV & Syphilis, 4 OraSure and 11 blood

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Dr. Glenn Solomon made a site visit to the Healing Lodge on Dec. 12th – 14th 2006

Other items to be discussed:

- Bruce said Dr. Solomon attended the Lay Health Advisory Training and Dinner as part of his site visit.

- Bruce also emailed the program for new year's youth rally to OU.
- A lot of people approached Bruce and Stevie thanking them for the good work they are doing after watching their television interview.
- Glenn commended on the work that has been done by Healing Lodge.

HRSA Updates

No new updates

OU Updates

- Saleem announced that agenda sent last Friday has the lists of materials to bring, and goals and objectives. Reminded Grantees to check the maps to see where the hotel is located. It is located at the Metro Center subway stop. Requested projects bring copies of SPNS abstracts accepted at the Alaska Conference to be worked on. Also will be helpful to bring laptop.
- Glenn suggested also discussing abstracts titles for APHA. Saleem said those abstracts are due from February 13 – 17, 2006 depending on caucus projects are interested in. The meeting itself will be held from Nov 4 – 8, 2006 in Boston this year.
- Monograph - The plans are to have the monograph on CD. The meeting in May is from 3 – 6, and OU plans to distribute the CDs at the meeting. Hope to get everything needed by the end of March, and that deadline is getting close.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm