

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, January 10, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants:

SPIPA	Jutta Riediger
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge
4CC	Rebecca Rodriguez
YK	-
NC	-
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sarah Hargrove, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Tim Brittingham, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates:

SPIPA

Completing a round of 300 surveys, 100 per tribe, all to be completed by the middle of the month. Karina Uldall, the UW Evaluator, will conduct a comparative analysis, comparing these to 240 surveys done last year.

One focus group consisting of 12 individuals including 2 men was held at Shoalwater Bay. Usually men do not turn out for these. Discussion included the amount of difference that has been made by the project. Comments included if they have had this project before, they would have treated the community member who died of AIDS better and do more for the person. Another focus group will be held at Nisqually tomorrow and the one for Squaxin Island will be held next week.

Outreach activities were conducted in December and will continue every month based on community request. This started with the button blanket events. One of the family members of an HIV positive person will talk about living with a family affected by HIV.

The project was working with a local native artist on a poster. The artwork has been completed and has been sent to the person who puts the poster together.

Project staff will be attending an STD training. They bought a game called HIV roulette that they are planning to play with the kids. The training will allow them to answer questions regarding STDs. The training will be done through the Seattle King County Health Department called STD for Non-Clinicians next month.

The Advisory Board will meet next Thursday. It will lose some members since they will be moving to other positions. Efforts will be made to replace the members.

Some of the members of local community have referred to testing and counseling through the health department.

Dr. Solomon asked if it was possible to write a qualitative, confidential article on the focus groups in order to share the findings with other American Indian communities. Jutta said SPIPA is very careful about articles and publications. She said it will be better to do something next year because the loss of loved ones is still fresh to the participants.

There is also concern for youth who are geographically isolated and any activity they can do happens at the tribal level. A new youth director and outreach worker were hired who are willing to engage the youth in HIV discussions.

4CC

The project just held its retreat in Gallup. There was good turnout from most of the agencies in the collaborative. The agencies provided updates regarding the project. UNM presented baseline and follow up data. Dr. Iralu gave presentation on HIV and TB. Attendees brainstormed regarding the referral system and came up with a referral form that everyone could work with as well as the logistics of implementing it. Rebeccah will put it on teleform and present it at the next monthly meeting for any revisions. Also discussed was the HIV Provider Study Guide. All documents are in order and ready for implementation. There were few revisions to the pre post test. Other pending activities are the medical chart extractions and the focus group qualitative interview. These are at stand still due to funding issues. The project is up for reapproval with Navajo Nation IRB. It will go on their agenda either this month or next. The expiration date is at the end of February. Also worked on revising the dissemination plan because a lot of agencies are interested in sharing the data internally within Navajo Nation's various service units.

Sandi asked if the project will include the focus groups and the chart extraction study in their IRB in case it decides to go with it. Rebeccah said that will be decided by Kevin. Sandi said Kevin call her if he has any questions.

Saleem asked if the monthly project update form was discussed. Rebeccah said once the referral form is implemented, it will be much easier to report on the update form. The form has also been revised a bit. She will send the changes to OU.

ANTHC

The project has moved into a new building.

Tracy will be leaving Nome on Thursday for White Mountain for a subregional conference where five of the fifteen villages come to one village for different activities over a three day period. Tracy has been invited to do AIDS education.

Tracy will do an update for the Nome Scientific Oversight Committee on Thursday to get approval for the grant for another year. That will be presented to the board on the 17th.

A pre and post test training for 25 people (public health nurses, behavioral health providers, and a few hospital social workers) will take place during the first week of February in collaboration with the State Department of Epidemiology.

There is a region wide conference on Feb 23rd and 24th in Nome involving elders and youth from all fifteen villages. The project will be a key note presenter on an HIV panel presentation on the 23rd and it has also been asked to involve HIV+ speakers.

A rapid test training for behavioral health providers will be held on March 10 for those who weren't able to participate in the previous training session that was held in Nome. There is also an HIV case management on the same day.

The first multidisciplinary case management team for the project will be held during the second week in March. This involves medical staff, behavioral health staff, pharmacist, hospital social worker, and a representative from the department of corrections.

Nome has asked Tracy to put something together for the Iditarod which takes place in the third week of March where a lot of drinking and high risk behaviors occur. This involves a region wide community campaign to develop a regional HIV prevention theme. The project will also distribute HIV prevention information, and conduct community outreach.

A community wide poster was approved in December involving a collaborative effort from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks extension program in Nome, developed by its graphic arts class. It has been approved, printed, and will be distributed. There are other posters that are being approved by Norton Sound and other members of the community.

Tracy has been working with one of the village based counselors who will begin rapid testing in the villages after the pre and post test counseling training in February. The counselor has had rapid testing training and will be going to White Mountains to learn how to do AIDS education in the villages. There will be other behavioral health providers will also be set up to provide rapid testing following their training.

Another behavioral health provider has been conducting HIV presentations at the halfway house and has received requests from some of the residents to participate in testing. The DoC has approved Tracy to provide risk assessments and testing referrals.

To date, 38 risk assessments and 14 testing referrals have been completed.

The project is submitting annual IRB update for Title III data and will begin analysis on February 1st.

Tracy is still putting together focus groups for five of the villages to look at socio-cultural issues in terms of HIV prevention and what the requirements of the villages regarding the presentation of HIV information. This is based on a study which was conducted in Tanzania.

The project has finished two technical reports. One involves needs of Alaska Natives and the other one is an evaluation report of HIV ethics conducted in Nome.

Tracy is also working on semiannual report and the paper for The Journal of Psychoactive Drugs.

NAHC

December was an active month for the project. Annual client satisfaction surveys were conducted in December. Thirty nine unduplicated clients came to NAHC, and 22 filled out satisfaction surveys.

The project has also conducted yearly follow-ups to update information on demographic and quality of life surveys.

A motivational interviewing training will be held in February.

A traditional consultant talked to staff about burnout and taking care of oneself.

A number of outreach activities took place. These include a powwow in Oakland attended by the outreach worker, World AIDS Day in San Francisco where a tile art project was held in the Memorial Grove and brought back to NAHC so clients who drop in can create a tile in a memory of anyone who has passed away. The tiles will be placed on the wall of a drop in center which will be created at NAHC. The outreach worker also visited Women's Wellness Conference in Sacramento and attended workshops as well as conducted HIV prevention/education outreach.

Regarding HIV program services, the project has been getting ready for CDC intervention and the prevent case manager has began taking clients. There will be some prevention with positives but mostly with high risk prevention case management clients.

Monthly meetings have been held with all the project's counselors who have been certified to conduct testing. Policies and procedures are being revamped to get ready for rapid testing that the project expects to start in February and NAHC will be the first Indian health program in California to do rapid testing.

A client has been referred to Friendship House which increased the number of clients to 45.

Maritza asked about Glenn' site visit during the third visit of March. Glenn said yes. It will be the week of March 14th. Maritza will discuss the dates with Karen.

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

Conference Call Date: **January 10, 2005**

Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	319	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	4	Clients referred substance abuse svcs	1
Health Surveys	27	Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	10	Clients receiving substance abuse svcs	1
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	45	Clients receiving Mental health svcs		Clients receiving HIV Program Services	39
Number of new SPNS clients	1	Clients receiving dental svcs	1	Clients receiving medical svcs	16

Other Data Collection Activities:

- HIV services client satisfaction surveys collected in month of December and currently being analyzed. We received 22.

Dissemination Activities:

- Dental chart extraction for journal article began

Training Activities:

- Outreach worker attended Women's Wellness conference attended workshops as well as did HIV education/prevention outreach. (recognizing co-occurring disorders; leaping off the moon (circle of care & healing through story-telling)
- Director completed CDC training module for planning and implementing interventions
- HIV Services staff attended training by traditional consultant Mona Monkfish

Outreach Activities:

- Pow Wow in Oakland
- World AIDS day in San Francisco—tile project
- Women's wellness conference in Sacramento
- Weekly beading class

HIV Program Services Activities:

- Began monthly HIV CTR CQI/process meetings
- Revamp of HIV CTR policies and procedures to reflect rapid testing
- Preparation for Partnership for Health Intervention (policies, procedures)

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

- Contact information to Jutta re: traditional consultant in Washington area

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

Other Updates

Tim requested HIV risk assessment tools from the projects for NNAAPC. Specific technical needs for the upcoming AI/AN meeting related to presentations can be forwarded to OU. Presentations that are sent ahead of time will allow OU to make sure that it will work without technical glitches. Sandi suggested checking George Huba's website for risk assessment tools. Jutta said she will contact Dr. Francine Daisy who teaches risk assessment to forward any documents she may have. Jutta added that SPIPA just held a governance to governance training thought by the tribal chair of _____ reservation. It was a very good one day training providing information on what it is when government to government start into treatise or negotiate or set up any kind of contractual relationship as well as provide an understanding of all tribal treatise across the country and how they fit into history. A training such as this will be beneficial for one of the grantee conferences. The training is called Government to Government Tribal Relationships. The training can be tailored to any fit any issue such as health.

KG thanked the projects for rescheduling the conference calls and the reminders will be sent out either today or tomorrow.

Adan asked Sandi and Sarah if semiannual reports were required in this initiative. He thought HRSA had eliminated the semiannual reports. Sandi said Tracy may have been referring to continuation application which has already gone through the blue sheet process at HRSA and the grantees will be notified when they can expect that which is the application for next year. Responding to Tracy, Sandi clarified that there is no semiannual report, only the continuation report which will summarize the activity for the whole year and include the plan for the next year. This will be some time in March or April. Adan said it will a bit earlier due to new grant regulations. Adan said an email will be sent out this week about the dates. Tracy asked about an electronic website from HRSA that everyone is suppose to sign up for and use it for electronic communication with HRSA. Sandi said it is HRSA is moving towards to having everything done electronically. Adan suggested spending a few minutes during the meeting to explain the system.

The call ended at 12:36 pm