

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, February 6, 2006 @ Noon CST**

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Project Updates

SPIPA

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date: 2/6/06

Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/2 N/3	S/37 N/55	HIV counseling & testing	S/2 N/3	S/? N/49
Group Outreach Contacts	S/22 N/36	S/430 N/772	Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Community Survey	S/26 N/33	S/70 N/50	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 outreach, coupled with drum making and a Trivia game with HIV questions. Planned also are information sessions with the alcohol and substance abuse groups, featuring HIV positive speakers. Also planned is a data presentation and update for the Health Board.
Shoalwater Bay is working together with the Positive Parenting Classes and will offer a Community Activity with Risk Reduction Education.
SPIPA Staff is planning an Advisory Board Meeting in February with a data presentation by the Washington

State Department of Health.

SPIPA Staff continues to work with the Tribes, the Department of Health and the OraQuick Company on the purchase and implementation of the Rapid Test.

Other Data Collection Activities:

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

Dissemination Activities:

SPIPA staff offered an update of the SPNS Project to the Red Talon Coalition. There is also discussion about co-sponsorship with Red Talon on a presentation at the APHA conference.

SPIPA staff submitted a planning grant that would fund community meetings to explore further needs for AIDS training and services in the Consortium Tribes.

The Shoalwater Bay Tribal Health Board received a presentation on the activities of the SPNS Project in the last three years and an update on the comparative data. Both **SPIPA and Shoalwater Bay staff** worked on this presentation.

Training Activities:

SPIPA staff and Tribal Advocates participated in two BEAR Training sessions this month.

SPIPA and Shoalwater Bay staff will attend a three day AIDS Training, sponsored by the Washington State Department of Health.

Outreach Activities:

Nisqually – Hosted five events in the past month: a bloodborne pathogens training for the Nisqually Daycare workers; a choker making event for the Nisqually Women’s substance abuse group (showing an HIV/STI movie), a Focus Group, a drum making event, and a God’s Eye making event, all featuring talks on HIV prevention and inviting participants to get tested. .

Shoalwater Bay hosted a community dinner on health and safety including information on HIV and testing.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Offered information on conferences to all grantees. Made contact between a Seattle faith-based AIDS initiative (AARTH) and the Healing Lodge.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Sent copies of carryover discussion to Sandi Duggan and Glenn Solomon. Had phone conversation with Sandi on Rapid Testing Project.

Other items to be discussed:

- Data collection is ongoing. Will be completed by the end of February. There will be 100 surveys per tribe.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Healthy Transitions

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Data Collection Activities

Number of risk assessments completed	
Number of pre-test education/counseling sessions completed	
Number of testing referral forms completed	

Number of post-test education/counseling provided	
Number of HIV tests performed by NSHC lab and billed to ANTHC	133
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	0

Other Data Collection Activities:

Data collection continues on HIV-risk assessments, testing referrals, completed tests, and post-test counseling sessions conducted at NSHC.

Dissemination Activities:

1. Developing the manuscript that will turn into a paper on Historic Trauma for the May 2006 Embracing Our Traditions Conference for the focus groups data.
2. Poster presentation on Title III EIS data for May 2006 conference in Anchorage.
3. Paper on focus group data from villages in Norton Sound Region.
4. Paper on outcome data from testing and referrals and key informant interviews at NSHC.
5. Cross-site paper with YKHC SPNS project.
6. Possible collaboration with evaluators from all SPNS sites for conference symposium on evaluation in community contexts.

Training Activities:

No current activities.

Outreach Activities:

SPNS Project Coordinator and the NSHC BHS Community-based Coordinator traveled to 4 surrounded villages in the Norton Sound region: Brevig Mission, Savoonga, Shishmaref, and St. Michael's. Following up with focus groups and doing HIV/AIDS information and prevention to the communities and to the local schools.

NSHC BHS Community-based Coordinator met with Brevig Missions Native Corporation, City Council, IRA Council, and the Community about HIV/AIDS information and prevention. These agencies are the key delicates for the village and would like to invite the community-based coordinator to their upcoming Wellness Festival held in March. Will attend the Wellness Festival with another Anchorage-based organization. Also talked with the high school and 5th grade students about HIV/AIDS information and prevention.

In Savoonga there was a small gathering at the City Hall where we provided HIV/AIDS information and prevention. Savoonga students had an in-service day while we were in there. However, the principle welcomed

the SPNS team into the school and would like to see more HIV/AIDS, STD's, and pregnancy education for the students as well as the community.

In Shishmaref there was a small gathering at the village-based counselor's office. We provided HIV/AIDS information and education. They would like to raise more HIV/AIDS information for their community during their annual spring carnival. Also, we spoke with a high school health class which they were discussing healthy choices to make in life the week that we were there. Our discussing on STD/HIV/AIDS prevention fit right into the schools curriculum. The students had many question on transmission and the high risk behaviors.

NSHC BHS Community-based Coordinator and SPNS Project Coordinator met with the St. Michael's Jr. & Sr. High School students which were very interested in HIV/AIDS information and prevention. Both students and teachers had questions throughout the session. The Community-based Coordinator had the opportunity to attended St. Michael's Annual IRA Council meeting. At the meeting HIV/AIDS education for the community was the main focus. The audience had very few questions about the topic. However, just speaking with the community they know it's important and to educate the people. During the visit in St. Michael's the BHS Community-based Coordinator had the opportunity to sit with the Savoonga boy's basketball team. There was a brief discussion about HIV/AIDS education and prevention. The boys had many questions about HIV/AIDS and transmission.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Had contact with the YKHC SPNS Project Coordinator about NSHC billable piece on HIV pre- and post-test counseling. With the possibly implementing the billable piece into YKHC.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Dr. Berner and Dr. Eldridge attended HRSA SPNS meeting in Washington, DC in January, 2006.

Other items to be discussed:

SPNS Project Coordinator and NSHC BSH Community-based Coordinator attended Norton Sound Health Corporation *Scientific Advisory Board* meeting in mid-January. Updated the board members on the project at NSHC. The billing a piece of for pre-and post-test medical information, traveling to surrounding villages, informed member of the manuscript for "Embracing Our Traditions Conference" held May 2006, also that NSHC abstract was the only one of six approved for the conference. The board members thought the SPNS project purpose is important and would like to see more prevention education/activates with the surrounding communities of Norton Sound. Will attend the *Scientific Advisory Board* meeting in 2007 for updating members on SPNS project at NSHC.

Two articles will be published through NSHC and two other collaborating company's newsletter this upcoming February. An article on an HIV positive person and one on SPNS project at NSHC.

NSHC BHS Community-based Coordinator will be collaborating with an Anchorage based organization to travel to the 3-4 villages in March and April.

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

Planning for annual events held in Nome: Iditarod Basketball Tournament held in March. Elders & Youth Wellness conference is rescheduled from February to the 1st week of April.

- Data collection at Norton Sound will be in process until the end of this year.
- Responding to Glenn, Sherri says the date for Iditarod this year is March 4. It will be in Nome.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Circle of Care

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities

Enrollment demographics		Number of healthcare workers trained	
Community survey	16	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
HIV counseling & testing	8	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Other Data Collection Activities:

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Dissemination Activities:

Mark is working on final draft of monograph for May conference.
Focus group conducted with participants in therapeutic court program

Training Activities:

Working on presentation for Community Health Aid Session Two HIV training as part of curriculum

Outreach Activities:

Presentation on risk assessment and risk reduction strategies at residential alcohol treatment center
Working on annual Bethel Health Fair (300+ participants) for March 4th

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Spoke with Sherry at ANTHC about billing strategies for HIV counseling

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

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Other items to be discussed:

Upcoming reports required by HRSA

- Focus group is on knowledge and beliefs about HIV.
- Community health aide training - HIV 101 and then risk assessment/risk reduction counseling so they will be comfortable with testing in the villages.
- Will provide information on quick test at the Bethel Health Fair, people can sign up to be tested later in the week.
- Wanted to know more about reports that are due.
- Mark added that the draft for the monograph is done, will be given to the Human Studies Committee. Appreciate Nancy's help on the article.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	495	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	6	Clients referred substance abuse txment	0
Health Surveys	26	Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	65	UDC visiting drop in Center	47
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	54	Clients receiving Mental health svcs	7	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	27
Number of new SPNS clients	0	Clients receiving dental svcs	4	Clients receiving medical svcs	13

Other Data Collection Activities:

- In process of revamping our annual client satisfaction survey
- Inclusion of traditional healing questions into QOL surveys done at baseline, 3 months and annual
- New Intake packet created—being put to use feb 15
- Service utilization data for monograph being compiled
- IRB approval given for another year
- Trying to recover HIV CTR data from crashed computer
- We're beginning to collect different levels of data on outreach: how many condom packets; how many 1-3 minute level interventions; how many referrals, etc.

Dissemination Activities:

- Service Utilization paper in 2nd draft phase
- Substance Use paper: data from state on Methamphetamine use and County/Race variables

Training Activities:

- All staff attended 2 day MI training in January
- Nurse attended cultural competency training
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Outreach Activities:

- Weekly beading class
- Weekly mobile outreach van
- Weekly needle exchange
- Monthly Workshop: Walking the Truth

HIV Program Services Activities:

- Disruption of off-site testing due to new DPH protocol.
- Annual update of HIV CTR policy & procedures
- Monthly case conferences revamped

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

- 30 individuals participated in the monthly workshop. Will try to evaluate how many of the attendees will come back to get tested or access other HIV health services.
- No offsite testing until the project has licensed phlebotomist because health department want any positives test with a positive blood stick. All offsite testing will be on hold until people trained. Training is expensive, and lasts two weeks.
- Responding to Carl, it is to follow up with oral swabs. In California, one has to be certified phlebotomist to draw blood.

Healing Lodge

Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

Project Update

Conference Call Date:
February 6th, 2006

Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	3	Risk Behaviors	3
Spirituality	3	Self Value	3
Belief & Behavior	3	Client Satisfaction	3
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	3	Testing/Counseling	3
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	3	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	3

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:

- We have scheduled three Spiritual Connections Trainings? Zion Hill Baptist Church located in Rex Rennert community will be hosting our training beginning on February 18th and 25th. to date we have twenty enrolled plus two other church's possible joining them.
- Mt Airy Baptist Church located in the Union Chapel Community, will host a Spiritual Connection Training beginning April 5th. This is a pilot program where we will be conducting the trainings on consecutive Wednesday Nights over a 4 to 5 week period instead of the two Saturday training. I believe this will be very positive due to the fact they already have a attendance established.
- New Wine Independent Church located in the City of Lumberton will be hosting a two day Saturday training beginning March 11th and 25th.

Dissemination Activities:

- Met with pastors asking for their support and to consider hosting a Spiritual Connections Training at their churches.
- January 29th, I spoke at the Sunday Morning at Collins Chapel UMC which is located in Rex Rennert, service area where Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting the next Spiritual Connection Training.
- February 4th, I spoke at Union Baptist Church at the am service to share with them the purpose of SPNS project and Spiritual Connections program.
- We are working on the Youth Lay Health Rally for August? Dr. Don Bartlette will be our guest speaker who is known from the Book and Broadway plan "Macaroni at Midnight". We are gathering support from the community.
- Robert and I attended the Region V HIV/STI Prevention Team meeting in Cumberland County.
- Attend the SPNS HIV/AIDS Task Force Meeting that was hosted by the Robeson County Health Department.
- Attended the SRAHEC planning meeting for the 2nd Annual Regional Native American Capacity Building Summit March 8th, at UNCP ComTech Park. I am putting together a Faith Based Panel Discussion, talking about HIV/AIDS in the faith, community.
- Attended the Robeson County Partnership meeting that was held at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.
- I have been asked to serve on a panel to present for ten minutes on how to get faith community involved with HIV prevention.
- Thanks to Nancy at OU for assisted me in putting together the computerized flow chart for SPNS Spiritual Connections and its collaboration and partnerships.

Faith Based Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

- Office testing 3 HIV & Syphilis, 3 OraSure
- We had one client test positive.
- Robert is gathering Post Data so far he has been able to make contact gather data from two clients.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

- Bruce thanked Jutta for her feedback on the Healing Lodge's surveys, as well as Tim for sending of forms they have used, along with project's data.

4CC

- Just had a retreat last week on Thursday, Feb 2nd. Implemented the second data collection instrument (collaborative health survey). The information gathered will be sent to UNM for data analysis and will be used to complete 4CC's CBPR article.
- Discussing the possibility of a website for 4CC.
- NAN is planning a focus group which will be held at the health summit that they have every year. UNM will do a focus group with HIV positive people and case management. It will be used to interpret the health survey data.
- 2 providers have completed the HIV study guide. Will continue to collect that data from pre and post test.
- Also was decided at the retreat that UNM will follow up with the doctors with informal in-depth questions about how they study guide have impacted their practice (will become a journal article).
- Orasure testing is coming to NCI later this month (Feb, 23rd) to offer training and give 100 test kits. Good to know from NAHC that there is a need to do a follow up with a blood test with people who tested positive. The state phlebotomist visits the project at least once a week. Having to apply for CLIA waiver for that.
- Dr. Iralu wants to do a study to see if the people using traditional healing have lower viral load. Have data from 19 people on case management to look at. As updated medical chart data collection form is completed, more cases may be added.
- For the cross-site paper with NAHC, discussed with Bonnie and UNM, will have a conference call and discuss the paper in-depth with NAHC. UNM will be calling Karen to set up a conference call.
- Bonita said all demographic and quality of life data has been sent to Julie. Will also interview HIV positive clients who come in for mental health services but who may not access services from the medical department. Will have that data within a few months.
- Responding to Glenn, Kevin said they didn't get the updated study guides. For Sandi to go to grants management to justify that, she needs a report on where the project is at, how it has benefited from the data collection on it, etc. Currently focusing on the study guide and getting the post-test completed by the doctors. That will be from the existing budget. May do a line item for that. Glenn will get in touch with Sandi regarding what is needed. Kevin said it takes 10 days to two weeks, to study guides once ordered, three weeks once everything is processed.

HRSA Updates

- Adan said the non-competing continuing application guidance will leave the office no later than by the end of next week. Adan asked participants to check their emails. It is the same as last year's format, which includes list of current activities of the current work period and work plan for activities for the next budget period.
- Kevin asked if the reapplication can be submitted like they did last year. Adan said it is to be submitted online unless have a reason why can't do it online. Have to contact division of grants management to request an exemption.
- Kevin said the process of applying online takes up to ten working days. Adan said there are exemptions that can be granted to grantees. Email grants management specialist to request an exemption. Sandi can assist in getting the exemption as well.
- Responding to Jutta, Adan said the grant application is due in 30 days from when it is received.
- Jutta said that Northwest AETC at the University of Washington has added information to its web study guide which is available at www.hivwebstudy.org. There are 40 credits that can be gained free. It is a HRSA funded project.

OU Updates

- Glenn thanked everyone for their support in Washington DC and the support from the project since then.
- Saleem announced that APHA deadlines are coming up next week.
 - Deadline for monograph is March 3rd.
 - Conference call with SPIPA will be rescheduled.
 - Will obtain information on final papers and the collaborative papers as to who is doing what when during individual conference calls next week.
 - Saleem will send a rough draft on rural HIV testing to YK and ANTHC for their collaborative paper.
 - Responding to Saleem about OU working on introduction section of 4CC & NAHC collaborative paper, Kevin said to hold off it for now until 4CC and NAHC conference call. UNM will inform OU if OU's participation on introduction and literature review is needed on the project.

Conference call ended at 12:43 pm