

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call  
Monday, March 14, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Tamara Fulwyler, Carmen Kalama
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge
4CC	Julie Lucero, Bonita Baxter, Kevin Foley
YK	Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett, Robert Hunt, Trish Carter
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sarah Hargrove, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

**OU Updates**

- Glenn will be visiting North Carolina project Monday – Thursday, KG will sit in conference calls in Glenn’s place.

**Project Updates**

**NAHC**

**Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network**

*Project Update*

Conference Call Date: **March 4, 2005**

**Data Collection Activities**

Outreach Contacts	116
Health Surveys	2
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	45
Number of new SPNS clients	0

Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	9	Clients referred substance abuse svcs	0
Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	16	Clients receiving substance abuse svcs	8
Clients receiving Mental health svcs	9	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	26
Clients receiving dental svcs	4	Clients receiving medical svcs	13

**Other Data Collection Activities:**

- One year follow up survey collection is continuing, with a goal of late March to have these completed for all SPNS cts who have been enrolled for a year
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**Dissemination Activities:**

- Karen, Maritza & Penny participated in SPNS conference
- Maritza & Ethan wrote an article together for Journal
- Karen continues her editing/technical support on articles for Journal

**Training Activities:**

- 4 Hour intro to Motivational Interviewing attended by all HIV Services staff & Medical Director
- Training for all HIV Services staff & Medical department re: Prevention with Positives intervention: Partnership for Health

**Outreach Activities:**

- Women’s health day: a clinic wide event to support women receiving their mammograms; HIV information handed out, a few HIV CTR resulted from this outreach event.

**HIV Program Services Activities:**

- Meeting with Friendship House
- Intensive Case Management for 10 most at-risk clients
- Using clients as mentors—a pilot approach

**Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:**

**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

**Other items to be discussed:**

- Motivational Interviewing Training wasn’t as good as the one in February Grantee Meeting
- Outreach – Women’s Health Day
- Use client as mentor and role model for transgender client
- Responding to Adan, Maritza said 116 individuals were contacted in month of February

- Responding to Sandi, Maritza said outreach contact information was captured using sign-up sheets, including tribe and date of birth.
- Responding to Adan that they don't have cumulative outreach contact numbers – started after Penny came on board
- Sandi clarified that's when this component of the project was implemented
- Glenn suggested writing notes on why she think the training wasn't as good as expected

## **YK**

- Andrea is sick today. She has been working on the renewal and the continuation application
- Planning to visit villages in next few months to talk to village councils regarding village advocates and setting up training for people assisting with education and outreach in the villages
- Red Ribbon Fiddle Ball – Sponsored by Bethel AIDS Task Force.
  - Ninety percent Native attendees compared to 10% last year.
  - Raised money through BATF to provide educational materials and presenting to schools
- Carl continues to do case management with HIV positive clients, not ones identified by the project but providing the project with valuable on working with the clients. There are many problems in getting clients to a medical follow-up
- Mark is working on getting focus group data transcribed and send the report to Andrea

## **North Carolina**

- Completed and sent the continuation application on time
- Partners in Caring – A Spiritual Connection. Have had a one training since last meeting.
- Hole in River Conference – 25 attendees in work shop
- One task force meeting

- Three new clients- Responding to Adan, Robert said one client needed drug treatment and will be going in treatment, one needed some food, third client called in and hasn't received any services. They have been tested. Two are negative, waiting on results on third one. Agree to participate in the program means agree to be tested.
- 25 cases last year, 4 less than 2003 in Robeson County.
- Trish Carter :
  - Capacity Building Summit last week (Wednesday, 8 am – 4 pm). Trish is regional partner with NNAAPC. 107 people registered and 97 people attended. Did capacity building on grant writing, results from some of the research from SAMHSA, organizational self-assessment.
- Responding to Sandi, Trish said it was not linked to SPNS but it focuses on HIV in Native American Community and gives another venue to reach out to the Native community
- Responding to Sarah, Trish said this is the first time they have worked with NNAAPC
- Responding to Glenn about how the SPNS project was represented in the capacity building, Trish said she talked about the program, and had a booth (toolbox with resources and brochures were handed out).
- Sent information from the conference to evaluators and waiting results. Good feedback from a lot of people.
- Responding to Sarah about any write up or newspaper article, or minutes, Trish said they didn't have anyone from the newspaper but they can do a write up. Glenn and Sarah said that's a good idea
- Glenn asked Robert to develop a flow chart depicting how the clients are found, how they get treatment, and tested. Suggested writing the news paper and publish it on HRSA web page.
- Saleem confirmed new email address with Bruce.

#### **4CC**

- Bonita:
  - Provider surveys went out and she made follow up calls
  - Waiting for feedback and approval on referral tracking form

- Working on updating her resume, will finish it on Thursday, send it to Kevin who will forward it to HRSA
  - Completed certificate for Human Subject Research
- Glenn requested copy of provider survey. Bonita sent it to Glenn
- Sandi said the resume/CV has to be sent to the Grants Management Specialist since she is a key staff

## **SPIPA**

- Jutta will be attending the Horizon conference in Albuquerque.
- Jutta reported meetings with Carmen (Program Manager) and Deo (Executive Director) and SPIPA Board Members to discuss events with HRSA and OU
- Working on Grant – Question about other Grantees receiving the Grant Application late. Received the application on 5<sup>th</sup> and due date was the 7<sup>th</sup>. Received extension
- Negotiations with Squaxin Island –Tribe will leave Project as recommended by Lois Eldred. They will pick up BEAR Project that offers clinical trainings for their staff
- Negotiations with Shoalwater Bay about sharing in the Local Tribal Advocate's salary and paying all benefits so can keep two of their tribal staff at full time level
- Dissemination Requests from
  - Red Talon – Northwest Indian Area Health Board
  - Tribal Connections Webpage
- Evaluator Karina Uldall is completing the data collection and analysis by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Collected and inputted 273 surveys and held three focus groups (1 per Tribe)

### Nisqually Outreach

- Several Native Craft Sessions coupled with HIV Education
- Increase in Counseling Time with Tribal Members. The focus has been on questions regarding tattoos and \_\_\_\_ ritual and risk of infection there.
- Meeting with Medical Director/ Clinic Staff and SPNS Tribal Advocate to increase Testing Rates
- Meeting with Karina Uldall and Dr. Freida Eng for Dissemination/Article in Journal of Native American Physicians
- Increased Counseling – Discussion of having Tribal Outreach Staff Provide Counseling while testing is still done in the Clinic. Raylene might provide the counseling. Also will discuss advertising to increase testing
- Raylene has four Sessions planned with Drug/Alcohol Program
- Program Planning for Summer Youth Programs
- Program Planning for Nisqually Powwow

### Shoalwater Bay Outreach

- Craft Sessions with Youth and Adults – Positive Speakers
- Meeting with Clinic Director on Cut in Lisa's Salary to meet Grant
- Discussion with Clinic Director on Increase in Testing Rates. Lisa Shipman may do counseling
- Two more sessions planned with Drug and Alcohol Program
- Program Planning for Summer Youth Programs

### **ANTHC**

- Tracy got back from Nome last week
- Turned in Continuation Application on time

- Submitted a draft of manuscript to Karen
- Provided rapid test and case management training in Nome last week to some of the behavioral health staff
- Discussed case management issues with the administration of NSHC in terms of HIV+ individuals who want to return to Nome
- Had a panel presentation in February of HIV+ individuals at the region-wide elders and youth conference, positive evaluations of the panel from participants wishing that the panel should be presented as a key-note presentation during next year's regional conference
- Currently working with ANTHC Title III data analysis
- Writing evaluation reports for the last two trainings
- The project has a new outpatient nurse director at Norton Sound who has 20 years experience of working in HIV/AIDS and NIH. Wants to implement the risk assessment and testing referral forms as standard protocol with her nurses. She has to get permission from the appropriate personnel at NSHC before this happens.
- If she is successful in getting permission for this, persons showing up in the ER or as an outpatient for STDs will be screened for risk assessment and testing referral through SPNS project
- Sandi suggested highlighting this expansion as a sustainable aspect of the project because it has significant policy implications ( it will be a new standard practice due to SPNS)
- Expecting a site visit from OU in May
- Tracy and Gloria are working on submitting two IRBs
  - One is in the community readiness (HIV prevention education and testing in a quarter of the villages within the region served by NSHC.
  - The other will be key-informant interviews with NSHC behavioral health providers who have participated in SPNS related training
- Gloria – Title III data – will get final data set in March. There is an independent statistician at UAA who will do the statistical analysis. Several hypotheses have been discussed.
- Sandi spoke with Title III Project Officer and will have interested in having a conversation.

### **HRSA Updates**

- Adan – seems to be okay with the non continuation application
- Sandi:
  - Cyber Spin on this Initiative – internal dissemination products highlighting projects within the Bureau
  - Sarah said someone from HRSA will contact the projects
- Sarah won't be able to make it to Healing Lodge.

### **Announcements**

- Finalizing the details for Dissemination Meeting in June 15 – 17 in Albuquerque
- Sandi encouraged projects to submit Project Update Forms prior to the conference calls because it is very helpful. Glenn agreed
- Regarding Tracy's question about working on manuscript, Glenn suggested emailing him and Nancy and they can forward the information to Karen.
- Tracy said call for abstracts for National HIV Conference (next year in Alaska) will be coming in April and May

The Call ended at 12:50 pm