

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, March 13, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants

SPIPA	
NAHC	Maritza Penagos, Karen Saylor
ANTHC	Carol Pescoya
4CC	Kevin Foley, Bonita Baxter
YK	Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan
OU	K G Anderson, Glenn Solomon, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project updates:

YK

- Circle of Care had a booth at health fair in Bethel on March 4, attended by about 300 people. Passed out information and talked about the Quicktest. Handed out a survey on people's attitude, beliefs, and knowledge. 60 people participated. People were interested in doing it which is very different from 3 years ago. Did that with Public Health Nursing.
- Carl just got back from Hooper Bay, northwest of Bethel, where. 19 (mostly 25 – 30 years old, high risk) people came in for testing and counseling. It is very high risk village with very high suicide rate.
- Carl has been working with health aides coming in training on risk reduction/risk assessment counseling. Hope to involve them in doing that.
- Mark said monograph article has been turned in to the human studies board who will review it beginning of next month.
- Carl expressed his appreciation for support from SPNS colleagues regarding his health.

4CC

- Kevin reported project is preparing report for continuing application.
- Had a conference call between UNM staff and Karen to collaborate on a journal article regarding quality of life health survey. Possible papers include study of use of traditional medicine; adherence; social behavior and alcohol abuse.
- Project is collecting information on how primary care treatment has been affected by this project. Dr. Iralu has implemented several things since this project started including HIV study guide which will be written about in project reapplication.
- Meeting planned with UNM and NAN to develop focus groups for a health summit they are doing. Will have a conference call later to work out the details.
- Three people have completed the HIV medical provider study guide and did the post-test. One doctor has become Academy of Medicine Certified.
- Orasure company came and conducted a training on Orasure testing on Feb. 23rd which was attended by 13 people. Project is proceeding with the CLIAA waiver. Once that is completed, Orasure will be sending a package of 50 test kits, and will send 50 more once those are finished. The company is conducting a study with the project on how well this works in a large Native American detox center.
- Data has been collected for the CBPR article and it is being analyzed.
- Dissemination activities include going back to Navajo Nation IRB on 21st to ask for approval for dissemination activities during this calendar year including all the presentations for the Native People HIV Conference. Also plan to go to IHS National Research Conference in April as well as other venues.
- Testing at NCI is going well. Have a _____ who comes up 2 – 3 days a week. Priscilla tested 25 people last month (about 2.5 times the usual rate and rate predicted in logic model for this year).
- Dr. Iralu is sending information on chart extraction for people who completed the consent form, and compare that data to those who are in NAN case management. Project will have data on 19 people for viral load and CD4 count and are also in case management. UNM is analyzing data on different variables.
- Have completed the quarterly update form. Will send to OU and HRSA.

ANTHC

- Aldrich is scheduled to travel to villages later this month to conduct focus groups with community and youth till the end of next month.
- Project is working on getting a manuscript completed for May presentation.
- Talked about possibly working with Red Cross on training. Might coordinate a new drug curriculum and involve the village based counselors at the village level.
- Currently involved with Iditarod activities such as condom placements, working at Iditarod basketball tournament. Lots of people are coming into town. _____ are all over the place about HIV such as at the theater, ___ scanner, local newspaper, and Norton Sound's quarterly newsletter.
- There regional conference in April where the project will do a presentation and provide information brochures and condoms.
- 135 tests have been completed with no positives. Still have worked to do on resolving the post-test issue.
- Responding to Glenn, Carol said condoms are ordered in bulk. Can find out and get back to him.
- Responding to Kevin about post-test problem, Carol said the project is not getting people back to do the post-test counseling. Trying to resolve that because if they are not notified about the test results, then they don't come in even after being contacted for risk assessment and counseling. Carl said using quicktest has addressed that problem for YK. Carol said they don't have the quicktest yet.
- Responding to KG about Iditarod and issue of post-test due to people coming for testing in because of the Iditarod, Carol said that will be an issue. Some will be contacted if there is a number to contact but they won't come back for post test counseling or risk assessment.
- Responding to Kevin about doing risk assessment before doing the HIV test, Carol said they do the risk assessment but they don't come back after the test to continue it with counseling. What makes it worse is people from other regions coming into town during this time.
- Mark suggested looking up Iditarod.com for more information for those who might be interested.

NAHC

- Have enrolled one more client in the SPNS project, the total now is 56.
- Karen and Maritza have completed the service utilization paper.
- Had conference call with Healing Lodge, OU, and 4CC to talk about panel discussion in Anchorage.
- The project is looking at expanding rapid testing at Oakland and Sacramento clinics. Currently, there is no place for Natives to be tested in these two locations. Some funding opportunities will enable the project to sustain the testing.
- Project is keeping up with weekly beading class, weekly outreach activities, going out in mobile outreach van, going to needle exchange sites.
- Project is adding traditional healing questions to quality of life survey. Will be collecting that information through June. May attach to traditional healing survey to the upcoming client satisfaction surveys.
- Karen said a consultant for HRSA (Richard Seaton) visited last week. HRSA is interested in highlighting HIV/AIDS services across NAHC organization and being an urban site adds to HRSA's interest. Richard conducted interviews with various HIV/AIDS services directors including Maritza, Nelson from mental health and substance abuse department, and Dr. Brown from dental. Had scheduled 3 clients to talk with him individually. Lunch involved FH. HRSA is sending a photographer next Sunday. Sandi thanked Karen for agreeing to participate.
- Project is moving on to work on other papers lined up on the matrix including substance abuse paper and the collaborative paper with 4CC.
- Maritza asked Sandi about the continuation application. Sandi said they are talking with grants management. It is being reviewed. Sandi suggested going to grants.gov to get registered and begin working on the application using last year's template because it will not differ significantly. There will be a month turn around. Kevin said he registered with grants.gov and they required a lot of information. He just received registration confirmation on Friday. It took them about a week and a half to get back to him. Adan recommended everyone to start registering. There will only be electronic submissions. Submissions through mail will not be accepted unless there is a written request to do so. He suggested registering to prepare for electronic submission, and working on it by following the same format as last year's as suggested by Sandi. Grants management will give 30 days period for writing the application from the date the grant reapplication is received.

Healing Lodge

- Had one data collection activity with clients.
- Had 2 day Spiritual Connections training. 19 people completed pre and post tests. 23 people had registered for the class. Very positive feedback. The pastors and lay advisors have pulled together a community group and draw that community to conduct education.
- Working on three community sites. Working on getting advisory board who will be linked with lay health advisors as part of that board.
- Have training set up for Mt. Airy Baptist Church and New Wine Church in April and May.
- Developed 2 new brochures for the program.
- The collaboration involves a partnership with UNC Pembroke student nurse department to able to do training inside these three communities. Looking at two more communities to do tests and screenings.
- Participated in Region V HIV and STI meeting in early March. Bruce was a panelist and had a power point presentation about the program, its evolution, and its partnerships and collaborations.
- The Second Regional _____ was sponsored by Robeson Health Care Corporation. Bruce was given the charge to put together a panel of faith leaders. Also included on the panel was a participant from Partners in Caring.
- Had monthly taskforce meeting.
- Continued Robeson County Partnership _____ which is held at Southeast Regional Medical Center to stay in touch with what is going on with other agencies in partnership.
- Robert attended Dogwood Consortium HIV/AIDS meeting comprised of 11 counties.
- Planning to have advanced orasure training on the 14th at the Healing Lodge.
- Bruce has planned a meeting with the evaluators to look at the program and the data.
- Bruce was able to get an Americorp worker this year who is a certified phlebotomist and knows how to deal with HIV/AIDS and related counseling matters.

HRSA Updates

- Glenn asked if there were anymore comments regarding the continuation application. OU will provide any needed assistance. Adan said it is the reapplication is due 30 days from when the grantee receives it. The continuation application is going to the PI electronically. The grants.gov registration can be done by anyone representing the organization.
- Glenn reminded projects to submit project updates forms prior to the conference call.
- Kevin asked if all grantee conference call dates had been changed. Saleem said it was moved to first Monday, just for February. It is always held on second Monday of the month.

OU Updates

- Saleem thanked the projects for contributing articles to the monograph. Saleem said if there are pictures of people, then there should be a release form for them and OU will need a copy of those forms.
- Suggested making flight and hotel reservations for the Alaska Meeting. United Airlines is offering 15% discount to people flying to that meeting.
- April 24th is deadline to submit PowerPoint presentations to the Native People's conference to be uploaded.
- OU will be changing the articles in monograph to APA style. Section titles will be moved from center to left for stylistic adjustment.
- Planning to include contact information for the projects in the monograph.

Ryan White All Titles Grantee Meeting Update

- Adan announced that Ryan White All Titles Grantee Meeting will be held Aug 28 – 31st. Attendance is mandatory. Two representatives per project are required to attend the meeting. Each project is required to conduct a 90 minute workshop. HRSA has received the green light to work on content on workshop and will be working with OU on how to coordinate the submissions as well as the content of the presentations. The 90 minute presentation will probably contain 3 presentations and include 30 minutes for Q & A. HRSA will be asking the projects to submit the abstract. The website has just been released.
- Sandi added that unlike 2004, the abstracts from the projects will be HIV/AIDS Bureau driven as opposed to individual projects submitting abstracts. HRSA would like to coordinate the submission with the project and the submission will be made by HIV/AIDS Bureau. Adan said anything in terms of PowerPoint presentation or the

content will be submitted to Sandi and Adan by the projects, who will in turn submit it to the conference.

Other Updates

- Kevin asked since projects are to do a lot of dissemination during the last year of the project, will HRSA allow more travel than two people and two trips. Adan suggested getting together with the project officer and HRSA will look at it case by case basis. HRSA follows the stipulations in notice of grant awards but suggested discussing it with the project officer.
- Glenn asked about IHS meeting in April is same time as the gathering. The meeting is in Albuquerque this year. Glenn asked Kevin to ask to forward him information about that. Bonita said the conference is on April 24 – 26th. Kevin said Gathering of Nations starts on the 27th. Saleem said it is right before the May conference.

Conference call ended at 12:57 pm