

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call
April 5, 2004 at 12:00 pm CST**

Participants: OU: Marguerite Keese, Tim Brittingham, Lynda Williams, Saleem Ahmad, KG Anderson, Glenn Solomon, – YK: Andrea Savage, Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk – 4CC: Rebeccah Rodreguez, Kevin Foley – ANTHC: Gloria Eldridge – NAHC: Karen Saylor – SPIPA: Jutta Riediger, Donna Penn– HRSA: Sandi Duggan, Sarah Hargrove

Dr. Solomon introduced himself.

- Consult/liaison with the Technical Assistance Center.
- Delaware of Oklahoma.
- CV available on web.
- Will visit with each project shortly.

Tim indicated that Dr. Foster had a standing commitment during this time and was unable to attend the call.

Project Reports:

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

- Introduced Donna from the Squaxin Island project. She has been hired as the full-time staff member there.
- Completed 204 surveys, and Karina is finalizing the report. It will be presented to the tribes prior to public presentation at the summer conferences. Will help focus on outreach.
- Canoe theme poster has been completed for outreach: AIDS has no boundaries. Finding that tribes have a lack of recognition of risk. Will be posted at health fairs. Health Fair at Shoalwater is using actress from Northern Exposure for outreach activities as well.
- Staff training, between now and June. One to two trainings per week.
- Technical training with Publisher and HIV in a cultural setting.
- Abstracts: Albuquerque conference, accepted; Washington State Health Conference, submitted
- Local Issues: Man has infected four women and possibly others. Did not disclose status. Working with Nisqually reservation with information.

- Sandi confirmed the SPIPA presentation at the All Titles Meeting.
- Glenn asked for the dates of the Health Fair. Glenn will work with Jutta to come during the Health Fair.
- Jutta stated that she will send a new version of the poster and OU will post it to the web.
- Jutta thanked Sarah for her input on the poster.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

- Andrea will be traveling to one of the villages for counseling and testing. A focus group has already been captured at this village. Will reinforce some of the information captured there. Village interested in having advocates as well.
- Tribal gathering, annual hospital sponsored event. 52 village representatives come into Bethel and presented different health issues that are occurring in the Delta. Information on health concerns is gathered from the representatives and this information drives the next year's activities. One big topic is the need for more sex education and the need for more prevention as well as teen pregnancy. YK SPNS project will have a table at the event.
- A local radio show in Yupik was still using the old translation of the word HIV. The project is working to get the accurate translation of the word and have it at their table. Will be meeting with local community health representative to get the most accurate translation.
- Andrea will be participating in a class and presenting on HIV.
- Class for therapeutic court will begin this Friday. Highest risk individuals. Good way to give information on HIV/STD's.
- Carl will be working at treatment center this week.
- A local festival will occur this weekend, with dancing and presentations. The Bethel AIDS Task force will have a table there.
- The hospital is also working on a primary prevention project (pillars). Few prevention activities exist for HIV/STD.

- Sarah advised Andrea that some public health nurses from the HAB Bureau will be coming to Bethel to cover the nursing shortage. Sarah shared Andrea's contact information.
- Jutta indicated that SPIPA is also looking at the best translation of HIV in local languages.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

- Tracy is on holiday for a couple of weeks, and will back on the 18th.
- Training with behavior health providers scheduled for last week of April. Issues of disclosure and confidentiality will be discussed.
- Northwestern AETC will be doing a follow-up training with providers, and ANTHC will be bringing these providers and the health providers together for a half-day to work on the referral and feedback system. Will provide the background for the HIV response team.
- Have the final IRB approval for the Title III analysis. Will begin exploring the data and will use that information to help build services.
- Submitted draft of the next data sharing agreement to the Alaska Area Wide IRB to cover data sharing with Norton Sound. For risk assessment referral.

- Tracy working with ANTHC and DOC. They have set up a task force and are looking at ways to collaborate better with the release programs, including health needs and HIV.
- Working on qualitative data from the ANTHC prisoner outreach program. Data from 427 inmates. Information will be sent back to task force.
- Gloria will follow up on suggested site visit dates.

Native American Health Center

- Lost three key members of SPNS team: Project Coordinator, Peer Advocate, and Treatment Advocate.
- Services are still in place. Family Child Guidance staff are assisting with the operation. Weekly beading group and monthly sweat lodge continues.
- Nelson attended Provider Network Meeting in San Francisco. Most providers experiencing large funding cuts. Lost treatment advocate positions and referral network in San Francisco has been impacted.
- Traditional Healer from Pueblo conducted a talking circle for the SPNS clients last week.
- Last week, art therapist and substance abuse counselor took SPNS clients to a spring celebration.
- FCGC organizing a HIV Mental Health and Spirituality Retreat for May 10-13. Staff will take clients to Pacific Grove.
- Nelson is facilitating inter-departmental SPNS meeting this month to provide consistent care.
- Data collection continues with Nurse Case Manager.
- Applied for a CDC grant to HIV prevention. Ranked highly. Had a day long site visit by CDC. Grant would integrate prevention more into HIV Medical Services.
- Can use Karen as a contact during the interim.

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative

- Will be meeting on Wednesday for monthly collaborative meeting.
- Continuing to collect data and preparing for dissemination presentations.
- In February, received approval from Navajo Nation IRB to start disseminating information about the collaborative, the project, and preliminary data.
- Rebeccah has been submitting abstract for IHS Research Conference, Warrior Spirit Conference, and the New Mexico Public Health Association.
- Refining the protocol plan with NAN.
- Received additional assistance from Navajo Nation Office of AIDS. Prevention staff are helping with health surveys.
- Priscilla has about 70 pre/post test completed at NCI (substance abusers).
- Priscilla and Randall attended confidentiality and HIPAA training in Gallup.

- Rebecca asked about the medical extraction form.
- Tim indicated that Morris has been working with TMG on this issue and will follow up with Rebecca.
- Presenting to Navajo Nation IRB Education Committee on Friday. Will also be presenting to the Health and Social Services Committee.
- Revised informed consent and it is currently at the UNM IRB.
- Glenn Solomon scheduled a tentative date for a visit with the project on April 23, around the time of the Warrior Spirit meeting.

Robeson Health Care Corporation

- No report (no attendees on call)

HRSA

- They have received the semi-annual progress reports and they are currently being reviewed.
- The continuation applications will be mailed today. The application will be mailed to the Principal Investigator, and the due date is May 21st. Sandi will see if the applications are available electronically. Sandi indicated that the projects would need to talk with their Project Office to change mailing addresses for those reports.

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- Ryan White abstracts were due on Friday. Sandi thanked the projects who did submit.
- Exploring the second Monday of each month (at the same time) as an alternative to the regular scheduled call. Will follow up with email, and the call change will begin in May.
- Still working on hotel accommodations in DC for the upcoming SPNS meeting. Marguerite has sent out email on travel accommodations. Three people from each site will be covered, please confirm attendees with Marguerite. Marguerite stated that projects can contact Journey House for travel (information has been provided by email), but that names need to be submitted to Marguerite for pre-approval.
- We need to discuss agenda items for the meeting. Agenda items need to be sent to Marguerite by Friday, April 9th. A suggestion was made to present on the ways culturally sensitivity practices are integrated into local services.