

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, April 10, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
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ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge, Sherry Trigg, Carol Piscoya
4CC	Priscilla Morris, Bonita Baxter
YK	Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk
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Project Updates

SPIPA

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date: 4/10/06

Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/4 N/2	S/44 N/58
Group Outreach Contacts	S/69 N/168	S/522 N /1326
Community Survey	S/23 N/40	S/93 N/96
HIV+ clients enrolled to date		

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
HIV counseling & testing	S/1 N/2	S/15 N/52
Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)		

Planning Activities

Nisqually is planning an event video night for youth with a film about as well as Luncheon to encourage more testing through the Clinic and other local organizations.

Shoalwater Bay is working with the Grays Harbor Health Department and its outreach and needle exchange

coordinator to move the needle exchange closer to the reservation. They are also working on a Five Tribes Women and Girls Gathering.

SPIPA Staff is getting ready for the Anchorage conference and their 45 minute presentation.

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

Other Data Collection Activities:

Both Nisqually and Shoalwater Bay Tribes are finishing the last surveys. The Clinics are reviewing charts and lab documents for an accurate count of HIV positive patients and local testing activities. At this time, the Project has made contact with two HIV positive patients.

Dissemination Activities:

SPIPA staff published an article about the SPNS Project in the Consortium newspaper.

Tribal and SPIPA Staff are working on making brochures that will offer current testing and care information pertaining to each site to clients.

Training Activities:

SPIPA Project Coordinator participated in a three day meeting at the University of Washington and received updates by the Medical Director (Dr. Spach) of the Madison Clinic on emerging HIV issues.

Outreach Activities:

Tribal Staff participated in the Shoalwater Bay Health Fair with HIV/AIDS information (167 persons attended). **Shoalwater Bay** offered a presentation on the risk of finding needles and on how to handle them safely. The Health Board passed a resolution to work with the Grays Harbor Health Department on HIV/AIDS issues. The Grays and Pacific Counties Case Manager offered a presentation on her services at the Positive Parenting Course.

Nisqually held two separate events for substance and alcohol support groups with an HIV positive speaker (one of the persons tested came from this outreach).

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

.Had contact with Alaska Project.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Had contact with OU and HRSA on getting information on the guidance an on attendance of SPIPA staff at the Conference in Alaska.

Other items to be discussed:

- SPIPA tribal staff, SPIPA, health department, and community based organizations are working together on their respective brochures about local testing resources as well as about access to care.

- Some of the persons attending the tribal events decided to go and get tested. One person was tested last week. The person asked the tribal staff to be taken to local health mobile. There is still the issue of not wanting to access the tribal clinic services for testing because of confidentiality issues.

Healing Lodge

Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

Project Update

Conference Call Date:
April 10th, 2006

Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	1	Risk Behaviors	1
Spirituality	1	Self Value	1
Belief & Behavior	1	Client Satisfaction	1
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	1	Testing/Counseling	1
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	6	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	

Data Collection Activities: *Pastor/Lay*

Demographics	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (pre)	107 to date
Spirituality	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (post)	107 to date
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	22	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	3
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	22	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Spiritual Connection Activities:

- See Faxed Report to be included.

Dissemination Activities:

- Attended the monthly HIV/AIDS Task Force meeting that was hosted by the Healing Lodge.
- Attended the Robeson County Partnership meeting that was held at Southeaster Regional Medical Center.
- Attended HIV/STD dialogue meeting “A Day of Dialogue with Dr Devlin, who is NC Secretary of Public Health, the meeting was held on the campus of NCSU at the Raleigh, McKimmon Center. The event was sponsored by the NC HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch.

Faith Based Training Activities:

- H.L. Staff continues to make contact and support with Zion Hill Baptist Church, Lay Health Advisors and pastor and youth leaders from the area as they make final plans for a youth rally and training that is scheduled for May 26th.
- Cherokee Holiness Methodist Church that is a member of the Lumber River Holiness Methodist Conference which has been through the Lay Health Advisors Training has scheduled a Youth Rally for April 14th and a one day Youth Lay Advisor training that is scheduled for May 20th.

Outreach Activities:

- Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Lumberton, NC will be having a Health Fair on Saturday April 22 and Community march and Healing Lodge will be setting up a information booth for the day.
- The Healing Lodge will be conducting one hour workshops on STD’s, HIV, Substance Abuse and Risk Behaviors at the North Carolina Baptist Children’s Home on April 13th, 27th, May 11th.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

- Thanks to OU TA for giving support on flow chart and feedback. Adan at HRSA for his feedback to the SPNS project.

Other items to be discussed:

- There have been 109 client cases until this point. 106 have been contacted.
- 50 people registered for Spiritual Connections training at Mt Airy. That will increase data collection activity from 107 to 157.
- Melanie talked about Spiritual Connections activities. She is the new coordinator for Spiritual Connections. Has been involved with it since its inception with Jo Lenz and Michael Gross. Past two events have been very well attended. There is a lot of support in the community. The training also covers program planning, asking the churches to go out and make an impact in their community. There are various activities planned. Healing Lodge has provided mini grants to churches. It asks the churches to plan, propose, develop, and implement a project. Two to three

churches have been provided with mini grants ranging from \$400.00 - \$500.00 to offset their costs.

YK

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date:
10 April, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Enrollment demographics		Number of healthcare workers trained	
Community survey		Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
HIV counseling & testing	4	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Other Data Collection Activities:

Evaluating data collected during March Bethel health fair and refining survey questions.

Dissemination Activities:

Interviewed by local paper, The Delta Discovery, that serves the 58 villages of the YK Delta. The article talked about the rapid test and the importance of being tested to know your HIV status. Risk factors were discussed.

Training Activities:

Developing curriculum for Health Aides around HIV issues to be used during session training in Bethel.

Outreach Activities:

Participated in annual tribal gathering in Bethel, April 4-5, 2006 with a booth that provided HIV information to representatives from the 11 regions of the YK Delta
Continue to meet with YK Delta STI/HIV Assessment Group to develop community-based strategy for addressing issues around STI/HIV.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Unable to participate in March 20th Project Conference Call because of medical appointment. Unable to reschedule because of schedules.

Other items to be discussed:

- Examining the data using survey questions gathered at the health fair. One of focus groups was with a local faith based community. There are some real reservations about getting into STIs and HIV but there is also the willingness to look at that and realizing that there is not one approach for everybody. The faith based community was interested in how to work with a message and incorporate a faith based people. Will discuss with Healing Lodge about some of the techniques they use.
- Mark is working on PowerPoint for the Anchorage meeting. Will get in touch with Nancy about it. Gloria, Mark, and Ottis submitted abstracts to American Evaluation Association meeting in Portland in November.

ANTHC

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Healthy Transitions

Project Update

Conference Call Date: April 10, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Number of risk assessments completed	121
Number of pre-test education/counseling sessions completed	149
Number of testing referral forms completed	

Number of post-test education/counseling provided	16
Number of HIV tests performed by NSHC lab and billed to ANTHC	127
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:

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Outreach Activities:

During the week of Iditarod events SPNS had brochures available at a local grocery store and at the gymnasium where a basketball tournament was held. Distribute condoms to local bars on a daily basis. Also supplied condoms for the "safe sex" party held every other night at a local bar.

SPNS NSHC Community Coordinator and an Anchorage-based organization, Standing Together Against Rape (STAR's), had travel to two villages.

- First village SPNS and STAR had presented to the Wellness Conference that was being held. They had worked very closely with the Village-based Counselor in doing HIV/AIDS education to the Elementary, Middle and High Schools.
- The second village SPNS and STAR presented to the community and the Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Brochures, flyers, posters, condoms, and other information material were available. Both communities showed a tremendous turnout for the presentations.

SPNS and STAR's will be traveling to two other villages the week of April 17.

First week of April was Kawerak's Wellness Conference (Elders and Youth conference). SPNS had a table set up at the conference with brochures, posters, flyers. Also Ordered 3"x6" 1000 magnets with "Be informed; Be safe; and Get Tested! With AIDS ribbon beaded by an HIV+ person from the Norton Sound region on the magnet with testing contact information for this conference.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

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Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

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Other items to be discussed:

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

On-going condom distribution to local organization in Nome.

- Data Collection – so far no positives but trying to figure out how to get more people to come back for their post-test results.

- Gloria is working on final version of Title III data for the Anchorage conference. Attended state of Alaska HIV planning group and they are interested in the SPNS study. Want someone to attend the next planning group.
- Sherry - ANTHC board of directors will have a meeting to update the board of directors of the conference and inform them about the project.
- Glenn – wants to set up a time to meet with Carl and Sherry, either together or separately, during the Anchorage. OraSure will have a meeting room. Responding to Carl, Glenn said Kirk Tilley is setting up the room for OraSure.
- Carol – as Aldrich has been traveling to the villages, more and more villages are becoming more aware and are asking about information about HIV/AIDS.
- Gloria – in the prevention planning meeting, the priority is one rural populations. Will be requesting proposals for increasing awareness in rural areas.
- Phone connections with Gloria was not clear. She will email Carol and Carl with details about the prevention planning meeting.

4CC

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative

Project Update: November, December 2005, January 2006

Conference Call Date: April 10, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Pre HIV Test Counseling	22	Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (post)	12	Group education participants	232
Mini Risk Assessments	22	Number of new HIV+ clients (result of SPNS)	0	Clients receiving counseling but no HIV test	
Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (pre)	22	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	40	Clients referred mental health svcs	
Number of HIV Tests	12	SPNS clients receiving case mgt through 4CC	52	Clients receiving mental health svcs	

Other Data Collection Activities:

CBPR data collected, HIV Study Guides given to 1 Provider.

Dissemination Activities:

November 1,2 – Melvin Harrison participated in the Annual National Congress of American Indians;2nd – 3rd- Native American HIV Summit –Maynard Shurley & Melvin Harrison, 10th – HIV Care Team Meeting in Gallup, NM – Maynard Shurley; December 1 – Dr. Iralu (GIMC) & Darrell Joe (NNDOH) were guest speakers on Native American Calling Radio; Melvin Harrison presented at the POZ Coalition World AIDS Day Conference in Albuquerque, NM; 19th – Arizona Statewide Case Manage Meeting in Phoenix – Melvin Harrison

Training Activities:

December 14th – Data Collection Training at NAN in Gallup, NM

Outreach Activities:

December 31 – NCI Sobriety Pow Wow

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

January 19, 20 - AI/AN SPNS Grantees at Grantee Meeting in Washington, DC

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Conference Calls: November 7, 16; December 5, 14; January 9.

Other items to be discussed:

- Responding to Glenn about the Sobriety Pow Wow, Priscilla said the project had a booth with education materials on HIV/AIDS. NAN also had a booth there. They were well received by the people who wanted information on HIV/AIDS.
- Bonita said Navajo IRB meeting gave approval for the article for the monograph on March 21. Final approval was received last Wednesday. Oraquick training has been scheduled. A NAN focus group is scheduled for April 24.

HRSA Updates

Non competing guidance – Adan & Lois

- The non-competing guidance has been uploaded (if it hasn't as of 4/10/2006, recommend trying on subsequent days, it means it is about to be uploaded) on www.grants.gov and the projects have to retrieve it themselves (CFDA No is 93.928; Announcement No. is 5-H97-06-005). If projects haven't registered yet at www.grants.gov, they need to do so as soon as possible. It is a requirement to submit

the application electronically through 2 electronic systems: (1) grants.gov and (2) the HRSA Electronic Handbook (EHB). You have to be registered on both systems.

- Read the application as soon as it is downloaded.
- Projects need to be aware of two different dates.
- The first due date is May 8, 2006. On this date, grantees have the option of submitting a minimum amount of information or the entire required package. The minimum amount of information is to be submitted only through grants.gov. The rest of the required application is to be submitted through the EHB system. The minimum amount of information is comprised of 4 items: a face page form, the project abstract, congressional districts where the grant resides and is serving, and the application checklist of submitted items. The rest of the required application is to be submitted only through the EHB.
- The second due date is May 22, 2006. Submission on this date is only accepted through the EHB. This is all material due other than the minimum amount of information grantees were required to submit on May 8th. Includes budgets, programmatic requirements, certificate of assurance, checklist of items submitted, etc.
- Contact authorizing officer on your grant to make sure that the project has registered on www.grants.gov and on the electronic handbook (EHB). The information needed for submitting on May 22 can only be done through the electronic handbook. The best thing for the projects to do is to go to www.grants.gov, download the application and read it carefully. Contact Adan Cajina at 301-443-3180 or acajina@hrsa.gov if you have any questions related to submission dates, contents, etc. Technical questions over electronic submissions (grants.gov or EHB) must be submitted to the technical center listed on the appendix of the guidance.
- Again, for all intent and purposes, the application is due on May 8, 2006. If a project is not able to submit the entire application by May 8, it still must submit a required minimum amount of information by May 8. This minimum amount of information is listed on page 6 of the application guideline. The rest of the application will be due by May 22nd.
- I recommend grantees that have problems with time to submit the minimum amount of information on May the 8th (grants.gov) and the rest of the application on May 22nd.(EHB) In reality, the minimum amount of information is very short (not even budgets are required at this time).
- The web address for HRSA EHB is <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/home.asp>

Other Updates

- Jutta said an announcement was made at the management meeting at the University of Washington that CDC will release guidelines for everybody between the ages of 13 – 65 to be tested in three to six months. Counseling may not be necessary and an option for those who don't want to be tested. Will probably change how doctors do HIV medical care and testing because it will be offered for people coming in for whatever service they may need. The concern at the meeting was that care systems may not be adequately in place especially in the Indian country. It is opening the door to huge number of testings.

OU Updates

- Conference calls for May have been moved back a week.
- Individual poster presentation abstract submission for RWCA is May 1. Early registration is \$400.00 through April 30th. OU can provide assistance with the abstracts. Requested OU be informed about any abstracts submitted to RWCA so it can update the SPNS project dissemination matrix.
- Deadline for submitting articles to the monograph for RWCA including those that are revised and updated including additions to the artwork included in the articles is June 30, 2006. The monograph for Alaska Conference has been turned in to be printed onto CDs.
- Responding to Peggy's request for an update on the RWCA, Glenn said there will a panel there similar to Alaska conference, as well as individual project poster presentations. Since Healing Lodge is such a unique project, Glenn suggested submitting an abstract for the poster as well. The guidelines for RWCA poster submissions are available on website for the conference. The link to the RWCA website is available on the OU website for the SPNS project.

The conference call ended at 12:45 pm