

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, April 11, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Carmen Kalama
NAHC	Karen Saylor
ANTHC	Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge, Carol Pescoya
4CC	Kevin Foley, Bonita Baxter, Julie Lucero
YK	Andrea Savage, Carl Evans
NC	Bruce Swett, Robert Hunt
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan, Sarah Hargrove
OU	Glenn Solomon, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates

YK

- Working on offering testing in villages and following up on community advocates.
 - Will have them recruited by the end of May.
 - Their task will be to come up with suggestions for presenting to the community.
 - Hope that they will be ready to present next Fall.
- Would like to bring in some health aides from some of the villages where the project conducts outreach (one from each village) and trained them in fundamentals of HIV counseling to increase their skills to talk to people coming to visit and be able to identify those at risk for HIV due to history of STD for testing.
- Carl is working on case management.
 - Now has two new clients.
 - The management has decided to have Carl continue with the case management. He will be reassessed in August.
- Had Camai festival this weekend attended by people from the villages and the delta. Set up a table through BATF and handed out health and education information.

- Working on increasing awareness about HIV by putting an article on the Yupik word for HIV/AIDS in the hospital newspaper, “The Messenger.” Plan to put the article in the two local newspapers. Take the word list along when talking people and ask them if they have heard the word used to describe HIV/AIDS.
- The training in CDC is from 12 – 15 of April.

SPIPA

- Jutta is sick and wont be on call. She has been doing outreach. Did a presentation with the Washington State Indian Education Association in Yakima last week which was very well received. She has been invited back next year for annual conference.
- Outreach worker from Nisqually conducted outreach in late March.
- Possible site visit dates, Glenn said he wants it to coincide with an event conducted by SPIPA, do an exit interview. Carmen said Jutta will get in touch with him once she is back in the office.
- Sarah said Jutta called and left a message that she is not feeling well and will not be on the call.

Healing Lodge

- 21 people attended the Spiritual Connections training, 18 took the survey.
 - Another training in May is being planned.
 - It will be held in Fermont community, about ten miles from Pembroke.
- Have had two walk-ins in last two weeks. Another walk-in is scheduled for today.
- Participated in outreach with the health department in St. Paul’s community.
- Met with ____ County Health Department to obtain referrals from their program.
 - Working with different agencies to get brochures in.
 - Also talking with church communities about what the project does and what it has to offer.
- Robert met with the person from Native American International Caucus to help the project with education and testing.

- Glenn said he enjoyed the site visit to the project. Will send the report to the project for feedback.

4CC

- Had a meeting last Thursday.
 - Will be implementing the referral tracking form.
 - Changes were finalized last Friday including the protocol for how it is being used and how UNM will extract the data.
 - Will send a copy to HRSA and OU.
- Glenn said he will be coming to the project for a site visit this Friday.
 - He suggested holding conferences on Indian lands so the people can get the money from the conferences, such as for the meeting at Albuquerque. SPIPA, 4CC, and Healing Lodge are in tribal areas.
 - Adan said perhaps for next time.
- Have an IRB meeting on Tuesday to obtain approval for the article for the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs.
- Kevin Foley and Bonnie Duran will attend the dissemination meeting in Albuquerque in June.
- Bonnie will be attending an IHS conference in Seattle this weekend during the site visit.
- UNM will provide the project update form for the project based on the information they are collecting from the health survey. Glenn asked Bonita to send in the project update form. Bonita said they need to get some additional information from the data collectors.

ANTHC

- Submitted manuscript to Karen and obtained preliminary approval for it from Dr. Berner.
- Submitted two IRBs last Friday, for village based focus groups (questions have been developed to be adaptable to the Community Readiness Model relating to implementing HIV/AIDS education, pre and post test counseling, and testing) and evaluation key informant interviews (these are to evaluate NSHC staff's perceptions of the trainings and how to improve the project in the final year of implementation).

- Working with NSHC BHD on collecting data from the risk assessment and testing referral forms on a consistent basis and getting the data input into the program. The data sharing agreement IRB to begin analyzing this data will be submitted at the end. The Project Manager is also working with NSHC management on extending the use of the forms to the medical outpatient services within the hospital.
- Working in Title III data, will meet with them on Wednesday, May 4th to discuss the data.
- Hoping to present an abstract at the National HIV Conference in Anchorage pertaining to journal article, focus groups, key informant interviews, Title III data, and preliminary data from the risk assessment and testing referral data. The Project Manager is also in the preliminary stages of working with NSHC staff on ideas for manuscript development.
- The Project Manger is also working with NSHC management on developing a schedule for the site visit planned for May 25 – 27.
- Carol Piscoya in Nome will like to send someone to the meeting in Albuquerque. The Project Manager and Ms. Piscoya are working out the finances for that.
- Carol said the villages of Shshmaref requested Tracy to do a presentation on the SPNS grant.
- The Project Manager and the UAA Evaluation team are also working on finalizing the evaluation of the last two trainings on pre- and post-test counseling and methods for rapid testing.

NAHC

- Ten manuscripts were submitted to the editor of Journal of Psychoactive Drugs. Strong articles from the HRSA projects.
 - Tracy did a great overview of Alaska health care system that hasn't been mapped out this way before.
 - Kevin and Bonnie's team put together a very good paper.
 - There were three papers from NAHC on HIV and mental health, specifically on the Holistic Native Network SPNS Initiative. It will be a very strong special edition.
 - It is understood that nothing will be published from 4CC and ANTHC without the IRB approval.
 - The dental HIV paper is the only one not finalized yet.
 - The data person did a chart review of all HIV+ native clients (about 50) who receive dental care.

- It was also helpful in consolidating communication between 3 departments working together (the HIV team, the Family Child & Guidance evaluation team, and the dental department) which was one of the goals of the project.
 - It has also been a good learning process such as the need to differentiate between occasional and hard core user regarding substance abuse.
 - Holistic Native Network paper included up to date that was not included in the presentation made at the last grantee meeting.
- Did extensive dissemination work last week.
 - Karen and Penny Hicks (HIV outreach worker) had been invited to Women's Wellness Conference to discuss HIV and condom negotiations in San Diego. Since Karen was busy, Penny presented with another NAHC staff member.
 - Karen attended HIV mental health training last week in Chicago hosted by CMHS aimed at clinicians. It also focused on trauma which is experienced by many of the project's clients.
- Outreach activity:
 - Condom party, the first in a series of monthly community events based on Seven Native teachings that Penny organized.
 - This was based on "loving your community."
 - Participants created 500 packets of condoms and outreach materials.
 - Involving clients to help put together materials to create a feeling that this is a place they can come to whenever they want.
 - The weekly beading group is going very well.
 - NAHC revived and sponsors a community event in Oakland in March called "Running is my high." It is now an annual prevention and recovery focused event consisting of 5K and 10K runs attended by a number of community members.
- Site visit – April 18 doesn't work but May 9th does. Glenn said will get back today on that.

HRSA Updates

- No new updates

OU Updates

- No new updates.
- Glenn said the all project conference calls provide an overview of the projects compared to a micro view from the individual conference calls.

- He encouraged the projects to send in the project update forms as it helps OU. Sandi added that it helps HRSA too. He thanked Maritza for turning in hers.

The call ended at 12:43 pm