

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, May 10, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Tamara Fulwyler
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Tracy Speier, Carol, Melissa, Audrey, Leslie
4CC	Kevin Foley, Bonita Baxter, Julie Lucero
YK	Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett, Robert Hunt, Trish Carter
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sarah Hargrove
OU	K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates:

ANTHC

Tracy:

- In the process of arranging a site visit in two weeks.
- Working in data sharing agreement IRB to analyze Nome Data.
- Arranging focus groups in some of the villages. IRBs for focus groups and key informant interviews have been approved.
- Focus groups are next week and the site visit is on the following week. Evaluation focus groups will be done in June.
- Recorded a radio PSA this weekend for a 12 month media campaign in Nome.

OU's was disconnected from the conference call during ANTHC project update and had to redial in. Missed a few minutes of the call. Tracy will add to the notes.

- Acknowledged Nome staff on developing the PSA that will be broadcasted throughout the region in English and Inupiaq, and another PSA will be made in English and Yupik.

SPIPA

Jutta:

- Going through IRB renewal process. Meeting with Karina tomorrow to go through the data before it is presented.

- Participated in Circle of Harmony Conference in Albuquerque. First time for new tribal staff from Nisqually attended Indian conference.
- Working on third poster with the artist and it is coming along well. Discussed doing a video for youth with Sarah. Have a session this Saturday with Youth Media Group in Seattle to collaborate on ideas.
- Mother's Day event at the Nisqually tribe with a Native speaker. It was also held at Shoalwater Bay. Attendants were invited for testing.
- Jutta will be attending All Titles meeting in Portland at the end of week.
- Article being developed will be finished in the middle of June and go through SPIPA's review process before submitted for publication.

Tamara:

- The article is an overview of the SPIPA program design relative to working in Native American communities and recommendations made by Native American HIV/AIDS Taskforce.

Jutta:

- Publications options include the Red Talon newsletter which goes to 43 tribal clinics in the western area, Tribal Connections which is a website used primarily by the tribal entities.

Sarah:

- Asked about an estimate on the cost for the video because the one for the border was quite costly. Jutta replied don't have it yet, will get a better sense after meeting with the group that produces the videos. Will be applying for National Library of Medicine grant to put computer kiosk with AIDS information into each of SPIPA tribe for people who do not want to come into the clinic and talk with Angie. Staff is also looking into developing a card game (derived from card game used for breast cancer with all of the cancer facts on it) for HIV.
- Asked how long the tribal review process for the article will be. Jutta said in about a month since board members meet on a monthly basis. Hoping to get it done this fiscal year. Did a presentation to Washington State Indian Education Association who said that they never had an AIDS talk before, and would like to have it again.

NAHC

Maritza:

- Data collection activities: implemented data collection surveys for HIV counseling and testing to evaluate the process of implementing rapid testing, will be done in May and June. Also began monthly continuous quality assurance meetings due

to some lab issues with rapid testing. A lot of information collected for monthly call is being done internally as well. Had an outside chart audit to review medical indicators, results are expected next month.

- Outreach Activities: Monthly event was celebration of life quilt being made, prevention messages are part of the process. 21 community members attended that. Did a powwow last week and attended one two weeks ago. In the process of creating a pamphlet, have gotten input from staff as well as participants from the community who attend the beading class, don't have one specific to HIV and HIV prevention services. It is in final stages. Involves some staff and clients who attend the weekly beading class. Have 2 of ___ clients are in treatments at Friendship House which recently increased capacity from 30 to 80 beds. Changing their modality, going from a three month program to where clients can stay up to a year.
- Have been having low attendance for the monthly substance abuse group. Now looking at integrating harm reduction into all the services the project has.

KG:

- asked about lab issues with rapid testing. Maritza said it has to do with basic stuff like forgetting to run a control, and refrigerator failure affecting the controls, so decide to have quality assurance meetings on a monthly basis to focus on these issues as well as chart progress.

4CC

Kevin:

- 4CC Meeting: Dr. Iralu and Melvin reported comparing the data on HIV+ clients (compared birthdates). There is 85% overlap. Clients in NAN case management are receiving primary care from Dr. Iralu at Gallup Indian Medical Center. They are still checking data and will develop a final report.
- UNM is proposing two focus group, one with those receiving case management services and to find out their satisfaction with primary care and trying to develop a methodology on focus group for people receiving primary care but not case management and the barriers they face in receiving primary care. Julie added reasons for not entering case management.
- Off the ground with the HIV study guide for provider level intervention. Have 2 doctors to receive it (pre-test, study guide, and then post-test). Will be calling other doctors with Dr. Iralu identified by the HIV coordinators.
- Have registered for the Navajo Nation IRB conference which is after HRSA meeting in June, on 21st and 22nd. Will be presenting on the morning of 22nd. It will be a good opportunity for other programs and HRSA.

- Lost certified nursing assistant who is also the lab person who was working on CDC HIV screening project. This potentially jeopardizes the status of being a recognized HIV testing site. Instead of doing the blood draws, centrifuging the blood, sending it to a lab, and preparing it according to lab requirements, the project is looking to get OraSure testing from the state. Trying to work as fast as possible to overcome that barrier.
- NAN has completed 12 health surveys. New participants include those from Arizona site who have been reluctant to complete a 25 page survey in the past. Ed Shorty has gained confidence of some of the people who have not completed health surveys in the past regarding barriers and other services they were unwilling to receive. He has helped them complete the health surveys.
- Referral tracking from has been implemented. Will send OU and HRSA the latest version that has been approved. Copies of forms are sent to UNM which is tracking the data.
- NAN has referred one person to NCI, and a person to Friendship House who will stay there for a year for substance abuse treatment.

Bonita:

- Mailed 30 packets and 60 referral forms to Priscilla at NCI.

Healing Lodge

Bruce:

- Data collection: not much change. Have two people waiting to be tested and one person who will entered into substance abuse treatment tomorrow. Have 2 in treatment in right.
- Outreach:
 - 4 health screenings. 3 were done jointly with a hospital, and a community health screen.
 - Healing Lodge put together an interdenominational revival to promote its SPNS program. Had 900 attendees in a week.
 - Also attended Robeson Family Counseling Agape Annual Fundraiser, and talked about the SPNS program and My Fair Lady program directed at drug addiction and prostitution which is also used for screening.
 - Participated in ____ Annual Event, Robert was one of the stars in the program.
 - Attended American Indian Diabetes Training, worked on collaborations and worked with new partners.

- Met with pastors and brought them up to date on the SPNS program and how they can play a part.
- Part of Lumbee Spring Powwow, had a booth to give up materials, Bruce spoke to American Indian mothers about HIV/AIDS.
- Faith based activities include Spiritual Connections Training set for June 25 and July 9, in Fremont community.
- Trish attended grant writing workshop.
- _____ partnership with Robeson County Public Health Department and other state agencies in St. Paul, NC. Made contact with 116 people.
- Robert presented by referral to a pastor and presented information on HIV/AIDS and STD to grades 10, 11, and 12 at a high school.
- WNC radio in Chapel Hill, NC will make a 30 minute documentary on the SPNS programs outreach being done in the community.
- Project is putting together a fatherhood rally to bring awareness, “Keeping the Family Healthy,” trying to get brochures and t-shirts together for the event.
- Have been discussing development of promotional materials with UNC Pembroke. Will do a PowerPoint for the project.
- Caroline Polk was referred to the project to do a publication article.
- Received certification for _____ waiver testing.

Adan:

- Thanked Bruce for picking up the transition process in an effective manner and for doing an excellent job.
 - Caroline Polk has contacted some of the grantees for CYBER SPNS bulletin to disseminate progress of the SPNS project internally in HRSA. Will have the article ready in a couple of weeks.
 - HRSA’s Caribbean Peer Support Model Initiative (Caribbean population in New York City) involves substantial outreach through churches to people who meet care, and what Healing Lodge is doing, has a potential for a very good article, one rural and one urban. Healing Lodge is doing something very innovative. Would like to compare the two projects at the end of the Initiatives.

YK

Mark:

- Flood watch due to ice-break up. Haven’t talked to Andrea.
- Have been crunching data on community survey (156 surveys conducted in 3 villages in last five months). Also looking at focus group data which shows interesting findings about risk and concerns in the villages. Will be talking to OU more about disseminating these different sets of data.

Tracy:

- Asked about the difference between YK and ANHB surveys, and if they are getting surveyed twice regarding same information. Mark replied he has not seen with ANHB surveys. Thinks that the surveys are quite different.

OU Update

Saleem:

- Reminder to make reservations. Have sent information for hotel and flight reservation. Deadline is May 16.
- Shifting June conference calls due to Grantee Meeting and Glenn going to Okinawa to teach. Suggested moving all project conference call from Monday, June 13 to Monday, June 6 at the same time.
 - NAHC Conference call from June 21 to June 14 at same time
 - 4CC and ANTHC calls from June 15 to June 8 at same time
 - Healing Lodge, from June 20 to June 13 at same time
 - SPIPA, from June 20 to June 7, at same time
 - YK from June 20 to June 13, at same time

Tracy:

- Requested ANTHC conf call for May from 18 to May 11 at the same time. Saleem will check with Sandi if that time works with her.

Call ended at 12:40 pm