

HRSA SPNS US/Mexico Border Grantees Conference Call
Monday, May 10, 2004 @ 10:30am CST

Participants: *Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project:* Steve Trujillo, Barbara Estrada, Ken Burton; *Camino de Vida for HIV Services:* Veronica Salcido-Harding, Michelle Valverde, Yvonne Moghadam; *Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe:* America Jones; *San Ysidro Health Center:* Rosana Scolari, Alisa Olshefsky; *Valley AIDS Council:* Elias Cantu, Yolanda Cantu, Lucia Bustamante; *OU:* Morris Foster, KG Anderson, Herman Curiel, Tim Brittingham, Lynda Williams, Marguerite Keese, Saleem Ahmad, Evelyn Seaton; *HRSA:* Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan; Berkeley: Michael Tarter.

Project Reports:

Valley AIDS Council (Harlingen, Texas)

- Site Visit:
 - Technical Assistance: Provided by Dale Schweers (UTHSCSA, Project Management Information) to Carol Ybarra (VAC, Data Entry/Data Profiler) on April 6, 2004.
 - Training on sending local demographic to UTHSCSA, updating the Tickler from National data, differences between local and national data.
 - Project Planning Meeting: Review and finalize timeline, discuss qualitative interviews, discuss and develop articles and publications, discuss Non-Competitive Application due May 21, 2004, discuss contract for FY 05.
- SPNS Partnership Meeting:
 - April 16, 2004 at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle.
 - Dr. D'Lima and Belinda Zamora, LVN will be transferred to other NCDV sites in Alton, Texas and Donna, Texas thus affecting patient care to SPNS patients at NCDV.
- Pharmaceutical Representative Presentation:
 - Provided by Destiny Strachan from Solvay Pharmaceuticals (Androgel, Marinol) on April 21, 2004 to SPNS Staff and Case Management Department.
 - Presentation by Lee Usry from Abbott Pharmaceuticals scheduled for April 22, 2004 was rescheduled for May 2004.
- Nuestra Clinica Del Valle (Pharr, Texas):
 - Physician Precepting on April 30, 2004.
- United Medical Center (Eagle Pass, Texas):
 - Physician Precepting scheduled for May 14, 2004.
- University of Oklahoma:

- Case Management training provided by Dr. Herman Curiel on May 1, 2004 at Harlingen Public Library.
- Next training scheduled for May 22, 2004.
- Child Protective Services:
 - Presentation provided by Mary Perez (CPS Director) from Child Protective Services to Case Management Department and SPNS Staff at the Harlingen Public Library on May 1, 2004.
- Family Crisis Center:
 - Presentation on “Domestic Violence” scheduled for May 22, 2004 by Oralia Jaure (FCS, Director) to Case Management Department and SPNS Staff.
- Non-Competing Continuation Application:
 - Due May 21, 2004 to HRSA Division of Grants Management.

Report Period: 04/01/04-04/30/04

PROJECT DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

As of April 33, 2004, unduplicated records in the Local Evaluation database were 270.

- A total of 1942 forms have been entered into the National multi site database as of 04/30/04. The following table summarizes this data: 270 unduplicated records in the National Database.

Module	Start Date	Totals Reported Previous Month					New Activity Since last Report					Totals to Date				
A - Demographic	03010 1	267					3					270				
B- Lifestyle	03010 1	260					3					263				
C- Change	03010 3	78					0					78				
D- Risk Factor	07010 1	Time					Time					Time				
		1	2	3	4	Tot	1	2	3	4	Tot	1	2	3	4	Tot
		255	132	55	0	442	4	2	1	2	9	259	134	56	2	451
E-Quality of Life	07010 1	Time					Time					Time				
		1	2	3	4	Total	1	2	3	4	Tot	1	2	3	4	Tot
		243	117	52	0	412	2	2	1	1	6	245	119	53	1	418
F-Barriers to Care	11010 1	244					2					246				
G -Client Satisfaction	07010 1	Time					Time					Time				
		1	2	3	4	Total	1	2	3	4	Tot	1	2	3	4	Tot
		143	59	11		213	1	1	1	0	3	144	60	12	0	216

CRITICAL INCIDENTS: None reported at this time

OTHER EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.

- Evaluation site visit April 6-7 to finalize timelines and project activities.

- Dale Schweers provided training for Mrs. Ybarra on data entry and monitoring for quality assurance on April 6, 2004.
- Juntos Quarterly Meeting April 16, 2004 to finalize YR 5 project timeline with partners
- Have had several conversations with Project Director concerning end of project activities and sustainability.
- Ongoing data analysis.
- Assist VAC with grant application.
- Dissemination activities:
Ongoing activity on several dissemination papers: data analysis, literature reviews, and writing.

Abstract was accepted for the RW All Titles Meeting in August. The presentation will focus on preliminary findings of the qualitative study of persons with HIV who have received care on both sides of the border.

Poster presentation for the UTHSCSA Department of Pediatrics Research Day titled "Increasing Access to HIV Primary Care Along the Texas-Mexico Border – A Physician Training Model".

San Ysidro

- Plans for year 5.
 - Data collection ends June 30th. We've been informing partner sites since January.
 - The first six months of Year 5 (July – December) dedicated to data clean-up, focus groups, different activities with SPNS staff.
 - Will keep staff on for July – December.
 - The last six months will be dedicated to dissemination activities.
- Currently working on continuation and Title III application.
- Working with Title III officer on funding to secure nutrition counselor and MA that are currently funded under SPNS.
 - No expansion funding this year under Title III
 - America asked about feedback from Title III. Rosana said that expansion funding wasn't available this year, but funding might be available with continuation application next year. Rosana said she will be submitting request in December. Important to let Title III officer know that you are looking for the funding or going to request the funding.
- Submitted abstract to All Titles on nutrition counseling program.
- Rosana recently became part of HIV Latino Advisory Board (state-level). 30-40 latinos from different regions in state. Examining social/cultural factors that impact HIV prevention care and treatment. The regional differences are becoming salient during discussions. The border region is

a really different place than the rest of the state of California. Important to keep mentioning how being along the Border impacts the work that we do. Next meeting will be held in San Diego.

- Recent funding opportunities.
 - Getting grants without even having to write for them.
 - The Department of Health Services, State Office of AIDS approached Rosana about a CDC funded grant.
 - Program started in January. First year targeting MSM; second year targeting IDU's; third year targeting heterosexual males.
 - Trying to figure out behaviors of those not in care. Not working with health centers. Target them with prevention messages before they need care.

- Also approached by the State Office of AIDS for some state funding on intensive prevention case management. Implemented in 9 sites across California. Added 6 sites in July and San Ysidro was one of them. The collaboration between the state and San Ysidro is a pilot program because they are the only project receiving funding directly. Project will be targeting high risk MSM (20-25 clients). Starts July 1.
- Hope to begin rapid testing on July 1. County is not giving additional funding but is encouraging project to begin this testing.
- Identified article by Samuel Huntington. Will distribute to Sandi and Robyn.
- Dr. Zúñiga presented a data status update to a group of investigators from the University of California, San Diego. Representatives from the California Office of Binational Health were in attendance at this meeting.
- San Ysidro and UCSD are collaborating on development of a nutrition manuscript based on the Title III nutrition program at San Ysidro. The working title of the manuscript is "Development of a Culturally and Language Specific Nutrition Curriculum for Latinos Living with HIV/AIDS".
- Technical issues with data transfer to OU.
- Questions for OU: a-Tentative date for T1 chart review data. b-Dates for inclusion in T2 chart review.
- Multi-site Data Update: 7/1/01- 4/30/04
- Number of HIV + persons enrolled: 258
- Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 3,982
- Number of results through HIV testing
 - HIV positive- 68
 - HIV negative- 2,948
 - Inconclusive- 12
 - Total- 3028
- Local Data:
- Number of outreach contacts (estimate):
 - Approximate total = 7,672

Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project

- Trainings:
 - On April 2nd Dr. Carmichael presented an up on HIV clinical care to the HIS staff in Sells, AZ approximately 30 staff in attendance. On April 15th Dr. Carmichael saw 9 patients with Dr. Avina in Bisbee, AZ.
 - Dr. Carmichael continues his discussions with pharmaceuticals companies to sustain the medical education component of the project in the border and rural communities.

- AZ AIDS ETC
 - No educational activities to report by AZ AETC.

- Project Collaborator Meeting
 - Meeting of the collaborators was held on May 7, 2004. Discussed year 5 activities.

- Out Reach Activities:
 - **Yuma** – Outreach activities continue by YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras in the border communities of Somerton, San Luis and Wellton, AZ. MSM, Latina Women, IDUs and their sexual partners continue to be targeted by outreach. Outreach in Yuma County occurs in agricultural fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, and the college campus. The use of house parties continues to be an effective way of reaching women.
 - **Santa Cruz** – Mariposa Health Center staff from Platicamos Salud continue their outreach in the communities of Nogales, Rio Rico and Patagonia, AZ. Outreach targets MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women. Platicamos Salud staff participates when invited on the local Spanish radio program to talk about HIV/AIDS and testing. The HIV Positive support group at Mariposa clinic continues to be well attended by their patients.
 - **Cochise** – Cochise County Health Department and Chiricahua Community Health Center work jointly to conduct outreach in Bisbee, Douglas and Sierra Vista. CCHD promotoras (funded by ADHS) have joined in the outreach activities. Outreach targets MSM, IDU, sexual partners of IDUs, and Latina women.

- Dissemination Activities:
 - None

- Project Enrollment:
 - To date 122 patients have been enrolled into the study. There is one patient pending enrollment in Cochise County.

- Local Evaluation:
 - Local and multi-site evaluation data continues to be submitted.

- Working on FY2004 non-competing continuation application for ABHAC Project.

- Announcement:
 - None

Camino de Vida

- **Programmatic**
 - Paul Trujillo has been named as Camino de Vida's Executive Director. Paul has a Masters degree in Business Administration and was previously Camino's Director of Finance. A staff/board retreat and a post SPNS strategic planning retreat will be held next month.

 - As predicted Camino de Vida will receive a 60% cut in our budget starting July 1, 2004. As a result the state will only pay for High Risk Case Management and will not reimburse for case management for clients who have Medicaid or veterans benefits. Also starting July 1st there will be a state waiting list for ADAP.

 - Outreach continues to be provided in Dona Ana County. Another positive was identified through outreach in April and since has entered into care. A new outreach location has been identified by one of our Health Outreach Worker/Peer Advocate (HOWPA). The new location is at a public tennis/handball court. According to the HOWPA it is a location where the Spanish-speaking MSM non-gay identified males cruise to pick up other men.

 - Two of the HOWPA attended the *New Mexico Public Sex Environment Training* and since then have been successful making contacts and conducting tests from individuals who are in online chat rooms.

 - Provider and Client education continues in collaboration with the Pacific AETC, NMAETC, NMDOH, NM Border Health Office a four

hour training on HIV and Substance Abuse will be conducted on June 25th.

- Michelle and I are working on the Continuation Proposal.

- **Research and Evaluation**

- Last week we met with Dr. Lisa Frehill from NMSU (Sociology and Anthropology) and an entering graduate student who is interested in an internship in the fall. We will be formalizing the scope and contract in the next few weeks.
- The qualitative study looking at late entry is moving forward very well. Four clients have completed all three interviews and two more are scheduled to complete the final interview on Friday. The third group begins on Saturday in TorC. One client backed out so we are exploring our options in terms of securing a different client. It appears that at least 60 pages of transcribed notes are being generated from each client. We will have more to report next time.
- To date 13 provider follow-up interviews have been completed. Jennifer has five verbal commitments. Completing the interviews has been an incredible challenge. The majority of the participants have been able to provide examples of how they are using the information; however, the examples have been more general as opposed to specific.
- In terms of module 15, 44 have been returned. We will be entering and analyzing these data this week.
- Barriers work is moving forward. I have been communicating with Marguerite about the data analysis and the barriers committee (John, Mari, Barbara, and myself) has a conference call scheduled for May 11. We'll be discussing the problematic questions and recommendations for the dissemination committee.

- **Data Update:**

- 91 Enrolled into SPNS Program (6 pending interviews)
- Fiscal Year 4: Tests to date: **344**/Contacts to date: **429** / **Rate of Return: 78%**

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe

- For April on-site testing,

- 17 tests
- 19 came back for results from the previous month
 - 1 positive - enrolled into care
- Outreach year to date
 - 466 tests at Lambda
 - 130 of the tests were completed in April
 - April was the first month that the project started its mobile van (outreach testing)
 - Going to bookstores, other high risk bars and nightclubs in downtown.
 - Had a positive on Friday.
 - Doing between 10 and 13 tests a night between two testers in the mobile van
- Training
 - Staff development for entire organization (200 employees)
 - America presented on HIV, epidemiology, modes of transmission, prevention, HAART, and occupational exposure. Also demonstrated a 20 minute OraQuick test. Positive response from personnel. Also started OraQuick test on site at the clinic.
 - Nadine presented on stress and how it impacts the immune system.
 - Presentation on communication, team building, working relationships, etc.
 - The health education specialist conducted a health promotion class and clinic orientation with the prevention for positives. Also works with smoking cessation.
 - Presented two classes at El Paso Community College (HIV 101) last month. Providing education every semester.
 - At the request of an area nurse, attended a PTO and talked to parents about HIV. Presented 20 minutes on OraQuick and handed out fliers with contact information. The following day, eight parents called the next day and wanted more information. Four parents came in for testing on that Friday. The school was an early childhood center (4, 5, and 6 year olds).
- Went to the Senior Center and presented on HIV. A lot of questions from participants. Also offered testing on site.
- Had a health expo at the mall and tested 30 people with OraQuick. Informative process for the public.
- Getting ready for National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. The public information officer is working with a national organization to share information.

- Working on Border Summit for BiNational Health Week (October 11-17). There will be a conference in El Paso October 14-16. It will include policy update, prevention and clinical update. Valley AIDS Council is hosting a conference on the same week. Both projects following same objectives, but targeting different regional areas. New Mexico AETC will also be participating.
- Hosting a one-day conference on June 18th for social workers, nurses and providers in El Paso and Las Cruces on the basics of HIV.
- Submitted a poster to Ryan White All Titles.
- Evaluation collection data continues. Set up tentative dates for staff training evaluation.

HRSA

- Received abstract submission for All Grantee's meeting and projects should be receiving communication in the next few weeks.
- Reminder that May 21st is the deadline for the non-competitive applications.
- Update on CD development.
 - Still working on editing the media.
 - Will finalize on September 30th.
 - Prototype may be presented at next SPNS meeting.

OU

- Herman introduced Evelyn Seaton
 - Will be working on monograph with Herman and projects
 - Evelyn will be attending the Tucson meeting
 - Herman offered assistance to any projects that need it and said that a lot of information was available on the web. Encouraged the projects to come to the SPNS meeting with a rough draft. After those are collected, it is proposed that the product could be completed in a month or so.
- Special Issue of HIV/AIDS (may also become a book)
 - Herman is guest editor.

- Process of securing experienced readers. Process is a blind review. Articles first go to journal, then they are sent to readers for evaluation.
 - Herman will provide more information later.
 - Barbara indicated that Tony had received the request for the special issue and will be interested in participating and will contact Herman shortly.
- YR05 Medical Chart Reviews
 - Still working with OU to formalize plans and move forward with the project.
 - Still within projected range to begin study (August-September).
 - Will provide list of potential clients who are eligible, then will need confirmation from projects on eligibility.
 - Study period (July 2002-December 2004)
 - Consents stopped in January.
 - We will need information on clients from the time they became associated with the clinic (intake). Not just the time that SPNS began.
 - Forms will be basically the same, but with slight modifications as requested by the OU IRB.
 - OU will provide an update within the next couple of weeks.
 - Alisa asked about the need for intake records versus outpatient clients. Tim will follow up with Alisa.
- SPNS Meeting (Tucson)
 - Information available on the web.
 - Deadline for hotel is July 5th.
 - Reviewed and solicited information for agenda.
 - Dissemination and sustainability were suggested as areas to cover.
 - Morris indicated that OU would come to the meeting with suggestions for using the multi-site data and linking it with medical outcomes data.
 - Steve suggested that the projects discuss their local data collection efforts on the morning of the first day.
 - Barbara suggested that it would be helpful for proposals to be distributed before the meeting, and then they could be addressed at the meeting and approved.
 - Steve suggested that everyone provide their ideas to Marguerite so that she can evaluate the time needed for the agenda items.
 - Alisa suggested that the last day could be used for HRSA to discuss final documentation needed (lessons learned, etc).
 - Barbara suggested that HRSA could discuss future funding as well.

- Dates for the completion of data collection at each projects:
 - San Ysidro: June 30, 2004
 - VAC: December 30, 2004
 - Camino de Vida: through December 2004
 - Tucson: through December 2004
 - El Paso: through December 2004.

- Question was raised if projects should plan for a final meeting in Rockville during YR05.
 - Marguerite indicated that the August 2004 meeting is slated as the final meeting unless the projects wanted otherwise.
 - Several of the projects indicated that there was a previous suggestion for a final meeting in 2005.
 - HRSA indicated that the decision was up to the projects and availability of funds. The decision cannot be based on the possibility of funds from HRSA.
 - Yolanda suggested that dissemination activities may take some of the available funds.
 - A decision can be made at the August meeting.
 - Barbara suggested that there could be a greater discussion on dissemination at the next meeting, and the projects could possibly use the grantee meeting funds to present collectively at a dissemination activity.
 - Steve suggested that HRSA give insight into how this information may be used to continue Border initiatives.
 - Sandi suggested that we could review the scope of work at the August meeting to look at future initiatives, and perhaps future studies around what we learned at multi-site and local levels.
 - Morris also suggested that we could use teleconferencing to discuss dissemination in YR05 instead of having a second meeting.