

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, May 15, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Robin Bennett
NAHC	Maritza Penagos, Karen Saylor
ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge, Carol Piscoya, Aldrich Mazonna, Melissa
4CC	Kevin Foley, Julie Lucero
YK	Carl Evans
NC	Bruce Swett, Ottis Murray, Melanie Locklear
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates:

SPIPA

Nisqually has been working with substance abuse groups. (inaudible) several people to get tested. They wanted to go to the rural health van that Health Departments brings to the neighboring community. They are also working hard for putting summer programs for the youth. They are working with the tribes on this.

Shoalwater Bay has been quite active. The health clinic director has developed MOU's with two health departments in the neighboring counties to get the needle exchange van close to the reservations. The van also offers rapid tests. This will provide another alternative to testing at the clinics. This is because confidentiality issues are not allowing everybody to come into the clinic to get tested.

Really pleased that carryover has been approved for rapid testing at the clinic sites. Will do some marketing around this and will work with OraSure. The state Health Department will set the project up with the CLIA waiver and provide training. OraSure will provide training as well. May have it together by June 27 (National Testing Day).

Responding to Glenn, Jutta said they enjoyed the conference.

Responding to Adan about rapid testing, Jutta said at this point it will be at the clinic and they will talk with the clinic staff to see if they are willing to provide the testing off-site. Clinic staff will be providing testing, not tribal staff. If health departments continue to bring their vans close to the reservation, then they would also do HIV testing (using the

finger prick). A lot of people are not willing to do blood draws or finger pricks. Bringing oral test to them will be really beneficial.

Healing Lodge

Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

Project Update

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Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	23	Risk Behaviors	1
Spirituality	23	Self Value	1
Belief & Behavior	23	Client Satisfaction	1
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	2	Testing/Counseling	1
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	25	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)	0	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	3
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	0	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Spiritual Connection Activities:

- The Spiritual Connections Pastor / Lay Health Advisor Trainings are still in progress at Mt. Airy Baptist Church. We have 58 enrolled in the class with an average of 48 to 50 each session.
- **Pre-test:** Due to the large class size and for the sake of time and student privacy Melanie, Robert and I decided as a pilot test to let the class take the pre-test home with them which could be a more forth coming in response due to less pressure from the class surroundings. However we run the risk of not

getting some back.

- I am videoing the Lay Health Advisor Trainings session for future use and documentation.
- **Mini Grants Activities:** Mt Olive held a community health screen in the church fellowship hall and educational classrooms on April 22nd. Robert had an information booth set up and was able to administer 3 HIV Test and gave out 60 pcs. of materials. On the 29th Mt. Olive partner with other churches to hold a community walk 300 participated. Robert and Ellen Bullard participated in the Health Screen and set up an information booth. We gave 18 HIV Test and gave out 150 pcs. of materials
Pregnancy Teenage Abuse
- Cherokee Methodist Holiness Church in collaboration with other churches Hosted a Youth Rally April 16th there was 300 in attendance also on May 20th they will be hosting a Youth Conference “Bridging The Gap” Community Awareness Project. The Sessions will be HIV/AIDS and STD’s, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Parent and Child Relationships, Dating and teen. Robert and Melanie will be presenting.
- Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting a community Youth Rally on Friday Night May 19th----

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.
- Robert attended the Regional Dogwood Consortium meeting.
- Fund Raiser at Smithfield’s Chicken & Bar-BQ 4/25/2006. Staff served table and gave out HIV/AIDS material with and insert telling the public about the testing services that the Healing Lodge SPNS program can provide.
- I (Bruce) participated in the Community-Wide Interdenominational Revival beginning May 7th – 12th and I led the singing for the week. Friday night I did a couple of solos and gave a challenge asking the congregation to partner and go back into there communities to help us address HIV/AIDS and the many risk behavioral that we are facing in our communities.
- Received a grant form the Lumbee Tribe to fund a Liaison Coordination for three housing communities in Robeson County. Dwayne Lowery was hard for that position. At this time it will be for a nine month position.

Faith Based Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

- The Healing Lodge staff Trisha, Ellen, Melanie, Jackie and Robert on Thursday’s during the month of April conducting STD’S, HIV, AID’s , Drug Addiction, Tobacco Cessation and Risk Behaviors classes at the NC Baptist Children’s Home (Odom Home) in Pembroke, NC
- Robert is putting a push on collecting the post data collection of SPNS clients.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Kevin at Four Corners, Kevin requested a copy of Panel Discussion from the Embracing Traditions Conf. and Carl Evans of YK requested a copy of Flow Chart.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

- Thanks to OU TA for the continued support given to the Healing Lodge SPNS.

Other items to be discussed:

Demographics – 23 belief and behaviors, 22 attitude and knowledge. Completed pre tests for lay training. It is about 150 – 160 at this point. What is done differently is using take home because they have only one hour in each setting to cover a subject. If they can't finish it, then it is carried over to next week. Also due to the size of class, the project felt they would be more at ease and answer more openly in the privacy of their home.

Hoping to get 100 of the pre-test back. Bruce is video-taping the presentation and some of the their responses. This is to document the project as well as to use it to promote the project in the future.

Spiritual Connections project is coming along well. Haven't had much of a chance to do a lot more recruiting at the churches. Plan to do that next month or so.

A lot of project's activity besides lay health advisory training involves mini grants it has awarded. All 3 except one have conducted one activity (such as health screen). Conducted 18 HIV tests at one of the activities (blood draws).

Melanie participated in a lock-inn at the Lumberton Lifestyle Fitness Center with 40 youths. She was able to cover almost all of the subjects. Mini grants to homeless will address covering the gap and the issues faced by the youth.

Bruce provided his perspective on HIV/AIDS issues at the end of a weeklong activity.

Dissemination activity – Healing Lodge hosted the HIV/AIDS task force this year. Healing Lodge also attended the Robeson County Partnership Lead-In hosted at the Southeast Regional Medical Center. Robert attended the regional _____ Consortium meeting.

Fundraiser at Smithfield chicken was decent. Project staff took HIV/AIDS fliers along with list of HIV/AIDS services and confidentiality to be provided to the attendees.

Trish, Helen, Melanie, Jackie, and Robert were involved with Baptist children's home. They spent an hour and 15 minutes in April talking about HIV/AIDS and STDs, smoking cessation, and risk behaviors.

Responding to Adan about mini grants, Bruce said that mini grants are coming out Spiritual Connections line item budget. These are \$400.00 - \$500.00 grants. There some items that projects have to address. They have done a lot for \$500.00.

Responding to Kevin about lock out, Bruce said it is where the participants spend several hours in a fitness center, and the public is not allowed in. They have the run of the facilities. They bring in food and some of the fitness center staff as well as the chaperones will be there. It provides a setting where the staff has the attention of the attendees. Regarding obtaining parental consent to discuss HIV and STDs, Bruce said that was left to the church. Mt. Airy allowed this to happen. Melanie added there was an informed consent but the pastor had spoken with the families. This is why they allowed only a certain age group to attend because the material would have not been appropriate for pre-school children. There was no problem at all about her talking about HIV, STDs, sexual activity abstinence. Bruce said they have to be careful about how they present when it comes to condoms. They have to be sensitive to their beliefs and encourage abstinence, protecting themselves, and being responsible for their behaviors.

ANTHC

Carol reported that project was disappointed about not being able to present for a longer period of time at the Native Peoples HIV/AIDS Conference in Anchorage. The conference, however, was quite informative. She will get together with Sherry and Tracy, and will go over the budget preparation and grant application for the upcoming year.

Aldrich reported that he is getting for June 27, the National HIV Testing Day. More than 150 HIV tests have been done and all were negative. Some tests were conducted at the villages which is a positive sign. A lot of education still needs to be conducted at the village level. The project staff travels to the villages with STAR (Standing Together against Rape) which pays for their air fair. He attended workshops at the Anchorage conferences.

Gloria said that Tracy and Sherry are working on the narrative. Sherry and Gloria will be going to Nome to work with data collection next week. They will spend a few days to ensure all the data are being captured.

Responding to Adan about number of tests that have been carried out, Aldrich said about 150 had been conducted. They were conducted in Nome and some were in the village. Aldrich provided name of the villages where testing has occurred. Gloria said that is what they would be checking for in the data next week. The data collected include gender, age, referral, risk assessment, etc.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	586	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	4	Clients receiving substance abuse services	14
Health Surveys	?	Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	42	UDC visiting drop in Center	29
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	55	Clients receiving Mental health svcs FCGC/NAAP	7/7	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	26
Number of new SPNS clients	0	Clients receiving dental svcs	7	Clients receiving medical svcs	14

Other Data Collection Activities:

- ⌘ Annual Client Satisfaction Survey currently being collected

Dissemination Activities:

- ⌘ Maritza presented at Embracing Our Traditions conference in Alaska on the HNN SPNS initiative

Training Activities:

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Outreach Activities:

- ⌘ Weekly Beading Class
- ⌘ Weekly Mobile Outreach Van
- ⌘ Weekly Needle exchange site

HIV Program Services Activities:

- ⌘ Traditional Healer met with 4 clients
- ⌘ Case Conference with Friendship House re: SPNS client
- ⌘ Attendance at Conference by SPNS clients on scholarship and as part of C.A.B.;

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:

Maritza reported that number of clients using the substance abuse services last month had increased to 14 from 3 – 4 due to the project's concerted effort to push its clients towards that direction.

42 tests were conducted last month. Results of testing data over the last four years show that 45% of those tested were Native Americans but 50% of all confirmed positives were Native Americans.

Dissemination – Maritza presented in front of the San Francisco HIV Planning Group. They had a Native American Day where Maritza, Karen and others talked about their activities regarding AI and AIDS.

Training Activity – possible staff retreat in June. 2 testers are taking phlebotomy testing which will allow them to test off site to do some rapid testing. Have identified 2 individuals at the Sacramento clinic to be trained as testers. They will also create a counseling and testing coordinator position to oversee all the testing in Sacramento and Oakland.

Project is getting ready for National Testing Day and use it as a teaching opportunity. Shake the Feathers celebration is coming up. The Mental Health Department is creating a two spirit wellness celebration in conjunction with pride week. The project is looking to collaborating with them on that.

Karen elaborated that Shake the Feathers will take place the day before Gay Pride starts in San Francisco. It is a wellness gathering as well as a dance celebration CLBT and two spirit people attended by people from all over the country. This will provide the opportunity to show them what goes on at the clinic in terms of not only HIV supportive services but also community activities. It will consist of a luncheon followed by break out sessions consisting of training by various community members, staff, and CAB members. CAB has taken the lead in this project and planning the agenda. This is one of the goals of the project which is to get people stabilized in the recovery and be able to step up and take a leadership role.

Karen has been doing some data collection as part of HIV mental health project which is ending this year. She has expanded it to many of the SPNS clients as well. She is contacting clients who have ever been enrolled in Family Child Guidance Clinic services to receive HIV mental health services to do follow up interviews. It is an exhaustive longitudinal survey that includes client satisfaction, indicators of health and wellness, risk behaviors, etc. They are trying to contact those clients this month and the data collection due date is the end of the month. Karen is trying to contact harder to reach clients to participate and conducting home visits this week. Karen also said that the Alaska Conference went well.

Responding to Glenn about the date for Shake the Feathers, Karen said it will held on the afternoon of June 23rd. Karen will send him a flyer.

4CC

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative

Project Update: February, March, April 2006

Conference Call Date: May, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Pre HIV Test Counseling	47	Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (post)	37	Group education participants	295
Mini Risk Assessments	41	Number of new HIV+ clients (result of SPNS)	0	Clients receiving counseling but no HIV test	
Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (pre)	40	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	44	Clients referred mental health svcs	
Number of HIV Tests	41	SPNS clients receiving case mgt through 4CC	52	Clients receiving mental health svcs	
Cumulative relatives participating in SPNS	270	Total relatives enrolled and tested to date (05-06 fiscal year)	117		

Other Data Collection Activities:

February 2nd Assessing the Health of your Coalition, CBPR data collection, April 24 Focus group with HIV positive clients.

Dissemination Activities:

February 2nd – 4CC Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat in Gallup, NM, March 15th – Provider participation in the NAN I AM seminar on Mental Health aspects of HIV, April 27th Warrior Spirit conference Albuquerque NM

Training Activities:

February 23rd – OraQuick Training with 13 participants

Outreach Activities:

April 19-21 NAN Clients retreat

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

February 8th conference call with Karen Saylor to discuss collaboration opportunities.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Conference Calls: February 6, 15; March 13, 15; April 10, 19.

Other items to be discussed:

February 21st – Approval for continuation for study granted by the NNIRB. April 5th – IRB approval of monogram for Alaska conference

The collaborative had about 14 representatives at Anchorage conference. There were 3 oral and 3 poster presentations from 4CC. These will be included in the continuation reapplication. This year, the project has recruited 119 people at NCI for HIV testing. Over 250 people have been tested since February 2003 enrolled in the project and have completed both pre and post test.

The New Mexico Department of Health has placed a phlebotomist at NCI for 2 – 3 days a week since July 2005. They have tested 85 people for HIV.

HIV 101 and HIV prevention sessions conducted by Priscilla is just a couple of people away from meeting the project's objective of 1000 people and there are two more months left in the project year.

41 baseline health surveys (41 individuals who have completed at least the first survey) have been completed. 18 people have done the second and 9 people have completed the third follow up survey since the project was implemented.

Data collection – chart extraction – Dr. Iralu is conducting chart extraction his own staff. The project has medical chart extraction consent form that has been approved by IRB and the project has been collecting chart extraction data on CD4 counts and viral loads. Dr. Iralu has collected chart extraction information from 18 people so far. This information will be correlated with information collected from 41 HIV positive people who have completed the health survey who are in primary care and are receiving case management services. Dr. Iralu's interest in correlating the data is to see if things like substance abuse have an effect on viral load and CD4 count or if on the positive side, traditional healing has an effect on viral load and CD4 counts. Julie and her team with Bonnie at UNM will be examining for that during data analysis.

Bonnie and her staff have completed a focus group with six clients who are in case management. There would be a qualitative analysis to further explore their answers to the health survey questions. 50% of the people who have completed the health survey admitted to having sex without having a condom and Bonnie wanted clarification as to why those numbers are coming up, including other health related questions.

Reapplication – Kevin said Adan had sent out an email last Friday about a problem with HRSA e-book regarding non competing grant reapplication. He tried accessing it this morning and it wasn't not available. Kevin asked if Adan had mentioned about the

possibility about HRSA extending the submission deadline. Adan said they will call to find out about granting an extension if this issue is not resolved. Adan recommended grantees to keep trying. Adan said that they were told last week that extension will be granted if the problem persists. Maritza and Bruce said they tried last week but weren't successful.

Kevin asked Karen to call him after the conference call to discuss the collaborative paper project. Maritza informed Kevin that she wanted to discuss medical chart extraction with him because it could be another point of collaboration between NAHC and 4CC as well. She suspects that a number of their clients are dying due to lack of medication adherence and is interested in seeing what 4CC is doing and conducting some comparative analysis. Kevin said Dr. Iralu presented on patient centered medication adherence at the Alaska Conference. Maritza said she attended the conference.

Bruce asked Kevin if he received his email. Kevin said he has but hasn't opened it yet.

YK

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date:
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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:

Submitted grant renewal application

Dissemination Activities:

Posters prepared with local contact numbers for YK Hospital, Circle of Care, Public Health Nursing and Bethel Family Clinic

Training Activities:

Attended Embracing Our traditions, Values and Teachings: Native Peoples of North America HIV/AIDS Conference in Anchorage. Excellent conference!

Outreach Activities:

Presentation to YKHC's Residential Alcohol Treatment Center on HIV 101.
Met with provider and several HIV+ clients.
Presented to college freshmen (19) about STD/HIV/AIDS. Very attentive with good questions...very different from two years ago.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Met with Norton Sound, SF, NC, SPIPA during Anchorage conference

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Met with Glenn and Nancy while at Anchorage conference

Other items to be discussed:

Grant application workshops available.

Carl said that Mark presented on using focus groups and his presentation was well received. He is away in Barrow for a couple of days and is not able to be on the call.

Project is getting ready for the National Testing Day. It has been a big day for the project where it offers free testing. It is usually offered at the hospital but will be offered at the Bethel Family Clinic this year which is an independent nonprofit organization. They will offer quick test. Public health department will also offer free HIV tests. 15 people were tested in the first year, 30 the following year, and 40 last year.

There have been a large conference called Rural ___ is coming up in Alaska in Bethel. 400 participants who work with substance abuse are expected to attend. Carl will be presenting at the conference about counseling and offering quick test. There is an interest among the villages about the quick test alternative.

Carl will be talking with alcohol treatment center this week. Also talked to 19 college freshmen. Conducted a knowledge and attitude survey. There is a change in the willingness to be tested and wanting to know their status which is encouraging.

Carl will also be visiting villages next few weeks and conducting HIV testing. He is also called to do case management.

Carl said he submitted continuation application on the 8th. He wanted to know if there was some sort of submission confirmation upon its reception. Perhaps grants management received it and he will check with them. Grants management was also having trouble with the electronic handbook. Adan asked grantees to refer to his email

sent last Friday. Some people haven't been able to register or don't have privilege in order to get into the EHB system, and they have to add their grant into the portfolio which are some of the requirements that need to be completed before submitting their applications. Furthermore, there are also technical difficulties. For those who have PI's who are detached from the grant, Adan suggested they work with their PI during this entire process.

Bruce said they were having trouble registering and called tech support who walked them right through it.

Carl asked if there is information on workshops on grant application/renewal process. Sandi said a lot of that will be covered in some of the workshops at the RWCA All Grantee Meeting in August.

HRSA Updates

Sandi said they will send out an email as soon as they hear from the persons in charge of HRSA's Electronic Handbook.

OU Updates

RWCA poster abstract submissions are due Friday, May 19.

Monograph – deadline to submit changes, updates, revisions is June 30th. Requested feedback on CDs. Some changes will be made to the cover.

OU will discuss updating the dissemination matrix and follow up on the dissemination matrix. OU will send out a copy of the matrix along with conference call notes.

OU requested a copy of continuation application from each project for its case study. Information on OU case study is available online at http://www.ou.edu/rec/pdf/Al-AN_Case_Study_Protocol.pdf.

Conference Call ended at 12:54 pm