

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, June 19, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants

SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Robin Bennett, Karina Uldall
NAHC	Karen Saylor
ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge, Sherry Triggs
4CC	Kevin Foley, Julie Lucero
YK	
NC	Bruce Swett, Trish Carter
HRSA	Adan Cajina
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Update

SPIPA

SPIPA and Tribal staff have lots of planning to report for this past month. The Tribal Staff have learned from previous years that it is very difficult to host an outreach session or to even get one-to-one sessions scheduled in the last two weeks of May and the first two weeks of June, due to so many other tribal events competing for time. So their time has been spent on essential planning for participation in tribal events, summer outreach events, and the Rapid Testing program.

The Tribes host a number of graduation celebrations and many tribal members are also getting ready to go out on the annual canoe journey. The preparations for the journey are extensive and the tribal staff is involved in the planning and execution of these events. It ties them back into the community and shows their presence, as well as allows them to provide prevention information to the youth traveling on the canoe journey.

The Tribal staff also worked with the recent graduates and offered them incentives to get tested as part of their graduation gifts from the Tribe.

The Tribal staff and SPIPA staff members are now planning to host the Rapid Testing training. SPIPA staff is busy getting the MOU's signed by the Tribal leaders and in place. SPIPA staff visited with the Shoalwater Bay Clinic staff to share information on the OraSure test, to get their feedback on preferred training dates and to discuss quality assurance of the testing protocol.

SPIPA staff is working on a contract with OraSure for the disbursement of the Rapid Tests, as well as trying to find dates that work for all of the providers as well as for the trainers. This is very difficult to accomplish during the summer months with so many staff members on leave or involved in one of the numerous summer tribal events.

The Rapid Testing Training is scheduled for Shoalwater Bay for August 8th and we have confirmed Nisqually for August 10th. We are working with the State Department of Health to work out the MOU for them to provide free Rapid Testing to any tests that show preliminary reactive. Washington DOH will also participate in this training to ensure the Clinic's quality assurance program in compliance with WA state regulations.

The Tribal staff is working internally with the tribal mental health providers to assure support to any and all persons that test positive. They are making contact with the County Health Department's Case Manager to enter positive persons into the extended psycho-social and medical care. Both Tribal staff members are working on testing protocols for off-site testing.

The Shoalwater Bay Tribe will kick off the Rapid Testing program with all health board and Tribal Council members getting tested to set a positive example for other Tribal members. Flyers and posters will announce this event.

Both Tribes are hosting outreach events to promote National Testing Day. The one for Nisqually will be held this Thursday to get people ready to get for testing on June 27th. Special incentives will be offered for participants. Shoalwater Bay has posted announcements and will highlight testing on June 27th, also with special incentives.

SPIPA and tribal staff members are part of a larger SPIPA Tribal group, planning the annual Women and Girls Gathering this summer. Last year's presentation on HIV was such a successful event that we want to expand the HIV/AIDS session and host them in two separate time slots, one to address adults, the other for teen girls. These are set up as "talking circles" with everyone sharing their concerns and thoughts after the HIV positive Native woman has spoken.

SPIPA and Tribal staff members are planning to take some summer leave time during the next month and before the major youth outreach and Rapid Testing programs start.

- Jutta will send the regular project update report once she gets the numbers from the tribal staff. She said people did get tested last month. Both tribes have also been busy participating in week long Emergency Preparedness training.
- In respond to Jutta's question on which projects are conducting rapid testing besides North Carolina, Glenn said the other projects are NAHC, 4CC, and YK.

Healing Lodge

Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

Director Report

June 19th, 2006

Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	0	Risk Behaviors	0
Spirituality	0	Self Value	0
Belief & Behavior	0	Client Satisfaction	0
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	0	Testing/Counseling	0
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	0	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	

Data Collection Activities: *Pastor/Lay*

Demographics	22	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (pre)	149 to date
Spirituality	22	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (post)	149 to date
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	22	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	3
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	20	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Spiritual Connection Activities:

- The last session of the Spiritual Connections Pastor and Lay Health Advisors Training at The Mt. Airy ended on June 7th. We had 20 that completed the post test.
- The church youth Mini Grant activities have been completed for this physical year. However the advisory youth council continues to meet to make plans for the up coming Youth Rally that is scheduled for August 18th at the Given Performance Center at UNCP.
- The Melanie Locklear met with Spiritual connections advisory committee they are exploring ways to promote and recruit more churches.

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 Southeastern Regional Medical Center.
- Complete and submitted the HRSA continuation grant application.

Training Activities:

- Robert put a push on to collect the post data of the SPNS clients.

Outreach Activities:

Other Activities:

- The Father Hood Rally was held Saturday 17th at the North Carolina Indian Culture Center out from Pembroke. There were 325 in attendance this was a very wholesome event. Information booths were set up for Robeson Health Care Corp., Lumbee Tribe, Robeson County Sheriffs Department, Home, Heritage Health and The Healing Lodge. Activities included horse back riding, games gospel singing, fishing tournament, father child look a like contest and lots of food.
- I went on TV 13 noon new program on June 8th to promote the Father Hood Rally. We also advertised in two news papers and a radio station in Fairmont, NC
- I have been asked by the Communications department at UNCP to do a 30min program in July to promote the work of Spiritual Connections and the Youth Rally "Light the Way" that is coming up August 18th.
- For the month of July, there will be four interns coming from UNC @ Chapel Hill to help the Healing Lodge addressing Low Self Esteem, and the many issues that are among our youth, help with media in communicating to the community as to what the work of the Healing Lodge is and will be helping in building capacity in the three community sites.

Other projects:

- On June 6th I was on the Programmatic Conference call with Dr. Solomon, Karen and Maritza.
- Carl at YK called to discuss the possibility of us having a conference call to discuss the Spiritual Connections Lay Health curriculum and possible use.

- Bruce discussed the drawbacks experienced during the Spiritual Connections training. There were 60 people enrolled but not all 60 attended all of the sessions. Attendance was about 40 people per session at any given time. It affected pre and post test where some who didn't take the pre test took post test, and some who took the pre test missed the post test. Apart from that, the overall training went well.
- Bruce stated that Melanie who is addressing Low Self Esteem among youth that leads to risk behaviors will be role playing with a psychiatrist during the session. Don Bartlett is the speaker for the session.

- Bruce said there is no test day but the project may join Roberson County Health Department mobile unit through the county. They are also exploring the possibility of going to UNC – Pembroke Campus to do some awareness sessions and set up test sessions for National Test date. Haven't heard back from OraSure regarding free test kits.
- Robert is no longer with the project.
- There was no data collection on clients. Having problems sending emails out.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

Conference Call Date: **June 19, 2006**

Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	427	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	3	Clients receiving substance abuse services	15
Health Surveys		Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	27	UDC visiting drop in Center	38
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	55	Clients receiving Mental health svcs FCGC/NAAP	7/5	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	32
Number of new SPNS clients		Clients receiving dental svcs	10	Clients receiving medical svcs	18

Other Data Collection Activities:

⌘ Creating pre and post test survey for national testing day

Dissemination Activities:

⌘ Karen & I will submit abstract to the 2nd annual methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis conference in SLC, feb 2007

⌘ Meeting with SFDPH HIV Prevention Section to discuss HIV Prevention in Native Women- presentation for I.H.S. conference

Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

⌘ Beginning weekly outreach at methadone clinic and homeless resource center

HIV Program Services Activities:

- ⌘ National Testing Day planning meetings: simultaneous events in Oakland clinic and Friendship House. Collaboration with FCGC/Oakland grant initiative: Native Voices
- ⌘ Posting new Counseling Coordinator position that will oversee testing in SF, Oakland and Sacramento
- ⌘ Funding for Psychiatrist has been secured for another fiscal year.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

⌘ Brainstorming session with Healing Lodge and OU: pros and cons of outreaching to Indian churches

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

⌘ Continuation application submitted

Other items to be discussed:

- The HIV services department has been collaborating with FCGC in Oakland to work on Native Voices which is a prevention project funded last year. One of the elements of the projects involves substance abuse, HIV, and Hepatitis prevention. There has been some ongoing collaboration which has been ramped up since last month focusing on HIV prevention. The project director and Maritza have met about HIV prevention.
- Kevin, Bonnie, Julie, and Karen had a conference call on Friday on their ongoing collaboration. Karen is going to give them a dataset by the end of the week. NAHC had added some of the questions 4CC had been using so they could look at rural and urban issues, and they will be working on a paper the next few months.
- Project will be having a luncheon and workshops (including talking circles and different cultural wellness workshops) on Friday during the weekend of Shake the Feather event.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Healthy Transitions

Project Update

Conference Call Date: June 19, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Number of risk assessments completed	150
Number of pre-test education/counseling sessions completed	176
Number of testing referral forms completed	118

Number of post-test education/counseling provided	25
Number of HIV tests performed by NSHC lab and billed to ANTHC	146
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. Paper on outcome data from testing and referrals and key informant interviews at NSHC.
3. Cross-site paper with YKHC SPNS project.
4. Possible collaboration with evaluators from all SPNS sites for conference symposium on evaluation in community contexts.
5. Poster presentation accepted to Ryan White CARE 2006 Grantee Conference on *"A sustainable system for increasing access to HIV-risk assessment and HIV-testing for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment clients in a tribal healthcare system"*

Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

STAR's (Standing Together Against Rape) on Anchorage organization still wants to travel to couple more villages in the Norton Sound Region. Sherry will travel with STAR's later this summer, date pending.

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:

Aldrich's last day of work was June 1. Still recruiting for the Community-based coordinator at NSHC. Some applicants but no qualifying.

End of May Gloria and Sherry traveled to Nome to work with Trinh, data-entry personnel at NSHC, to review the information in the database. Very helpful in finding where most personnel are doing risk-assessments and testing referral.

Gloria, David, and Sherry to travel to Nome at the end of June to work on database, follow-up with key-informant interviews, and close out fiscal year.

SPNS continuing application submission on HRSA electronic handbook for final grant year.

IRB submission on Focus Group data for another year to finish Historic Trauma paper.

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.

- Gloria talked about working on paper with YK

4CC

- Project has submitted the continuation reapplication. Kevin noticed that the project now has six data collection points instead of four. A copy of narrative was given to OU for cross-site case study.
- Kevin talked about conference call with Karen about collaborative papers they are working on.
- Project submitted poster to RWCA Conference which has been accepted. A number of dissemination activities will take place at the end of the month. Kevin will be presenting on Motivational Interviewing and HIV testing at the Navajo Nation IRB conference using updated information. Julie will be presenting on CBPR, and Dr. Iralu will be presenting patient centered adherence model for treating people with HIV. New Mexico Tribal Health Summit will take place the following week where Kevin will be presenting on Motivational Interviewing on HIV testing. Bonnie will have a presentation there as well.
- The Collaborative will continue to collect data until December 2006. After that, the project will conduct data analysis and focus on dissemination activities including giving a report and recommendations to Navajo Nation IRB, the board chapters,

the Gallup Indian Medical Center Health Board, and Navajo Area ____ Health Board.

- The project received 100 test kits from OraSure. They are putting in the requisition to buy the control. They didn't realize they had to purchase the controls. A lot of those will be used for National HIV Testing Day, and they will be increasing the number of tests conducted at NCI.
- Julie said they have some longitudinal analysis on HIV positive health survey. The four areas of needs that have been satisfactorily addressed include financial, transportation, housing, clothing needs.

HRSA Updates

- Adan wanted to make sure that everybody had submitted their continuation application. The RWCA organizers will be contacting grantees about deadlines, submitting presentations and such.
- Adan said that Dr. Eldred has left the SPNS program as of June 1st. She was given the directorship of the global AIDS program at HRSA. Adan will be the acting director.

OU Updates

- Saleem congratulated projects on the acceptance of their poster abstracts to RWCA. He reminded that any modifications to monograph articles and submissions to the monograph are due on June 30th.

Conference call ended at 12:35 pm