

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call
July 7, 2003 at 12:00 pm CST**

Participants: OU: Betty Duran, Tim Brittingham, Gregg Fryday, Paul Rowe, Lynda Williams – YK: Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk, Andrea Savage – 4CC: Kevin Foley, Julie Lucero, Rebeccah Rodriguez – ANTHC: Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge, Joan Domnick – NAHC: Parousha Zand, Karen Saylor – SPIPA: Jutta Riediger, Carmen Kalama, Debbie Gardipee – Robson: Millard Lowry, Jennifer McLamb, Robert Hunt – HRSA: Kathleen Handley, Sandra Duggan

Project Reports:

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: (Carmen Kalama)

- Jutta has had meetings with each of the tribal sites and updated HRSA regarding her activities with SPIPA.
- Carmen and Jutta had a meeting Karina regarding survey forms. These have been approved and will be ready for application by staff in their respective communities on schedule.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: (Tracy Speier)

- Developed relationship with DOC and are working with their grant manager, Dr. Verik, on expanding the DOC's re-entry program grant to cover Nome and Kotzebue.
- DOC's cultural liaison with whom ANTHC has been working has resigned. ANTHC is working with Dr. Varick on exploring different options of how to implement the prerelease surveys ANTHC's Prison Outreach Program was going to implement with DOC's Cultural Liaison, now that the Cultural Liaison is no longer there.
- Currently analyzing qualitative data from ANTHC's Prison Outreach Programs data collected last year. We are working on the second key and entering the qualitative data.
- We have addressed all the different conditions pertaining to the ANMC and the National IRBs. This will be submitted for the August review
- Traveled to Nome and Kotzebue (two different hub communities representing two regions).
 - Met with a variety of providers to conduct a community asset assessment in both regions.
 - The main issues presented is the difficulty in finding housing for transitional prisoners and the fact that there is limited to no services available for sex offender who are returning to the communities. Plus, Substance abuse Treatment Centers do not accept sex offenders in the programs. So, there is an identified gap of services for this group of transitional prisoners.

- Providers requested HIV train the trainer training for substance abuse and mental health providers.
- We have been in a six-month process of trying to get permission from, one of the regional non-profit health organizations to be able to analyze data from a CDC funded HIV prevention and training program that Tracy implemented in collaboration with DOC from 1997-2000. ANTHC was granted permission to look at the data, then when the new HIPAA regulations went into effect ANTHC received a letter denying use of the data until specific conditions were met. Included in these conditions was a request verifying from CDC that the grant was a prevention education project and not a research project, that specific identifiable variables would be illuminated from the analysis, and that all HIPAA regulations regarding confidentiality be adhered to. ANTHC and UAA gathered the necessary documentation requested and resubmitted the request. To date we have not heard back in writing. However, Tracy was informed verbally, by this organization's lawyer that although this grant was funded with federal dollars and we have met all their requests, the CEO is likely going to deny permission to analyze the data because the SPNS project does not pertain specifically to this region's share holders. Dr. Eldridge has agreed to follow up on this.
- I am in the process of summarizing the community assessment notes from my travels to the two regional hub sites and working with ANTHC's HIV/AIDS education and training program to address some of the gaps in services and training in Nome and Kotzebue.
- In the process of developing key informant and Focus group interview questions.
 - The visit to Nome and Kotebue revealed that the next couple of months would be a difficult time to conduct focus groups because of subsistence activities, there will be limited providers available. Key providers, instead suggested that we conduct the focus groups this fall
 - Kotebue asked if the focus groups could be conducted during their annual Wellness Conference they are scheduling for this fall.
 - I am, however moving forward with the Key informant interviews that I am planning on conducting over the phone. Submission to IRB for the key informant interviews is expected to occur in August.
 - We will work with the regional health corporations to schedule the focus groups, but will first conduct key-informant interviews.
 - I will continue to work with Drs. Barney and Eldridge on the development of these interview questions. These interviews will be used for model development purposes.
- We have a meeting with the Administration at DOC on August 7th to present a draft MOA and a draft of an inmate survey for their review. Tracy is working with Joan and Dr. Eldridge on this.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: (Andrea Savage)

- The project has received IRB and Human Subjects approval.
- Project staff is coordinating the logistics of this fall's implementation of the logic model.

- Hiring a translator for survey translation and training.
- Project staff is collaborating with village councils to arrange data collection and trainings.
- Trainers are being contacted to establish training dates.
- Medical staff is being recruited for Medical Advisory Board
- Have received IRB approval and Human Subjects Approval
- National Testing Day on June 27
 - Conducted outreach and advertising prior to the event
 - Implemented OraQuick through the hospitals
 - Counseled and tested 28 individuals with OraQuick (no positive results).
 - The event was helpful in encouraging collaboration and referral from other agencies serving at-risk populations.
- Carl Attended NNAAPC training in Albuquerque, NM.
- The site received notice of grant renewal.

Native American Health Center: (Parousha Zand and Karen Saylors)

- We have completed 21 intakes for HIV positive clients for Year 1. This includes one newly diagnosed and non-pre-SPNS client.
- We have done 8 HIV tests on Friendship House clients.
- We have done 32 pre and post tests as part of our Health Education at Friendship House.
- We've updated our NAHC HIV testing log to capture HIV tests on substance users and Friendship House clients.
- New goals have been established for Friendship House for Year 2. This includes capturing information on client's reasons for declining testing referrals.
- The FCGC HIV mental health questionnaire is being pilot tested. Therapists and clients are giving feedback.
- We're using Teleform regularly for data entry.
- We're waiting on the Medical short form being developed by The Measurement Group.
- Our medical/dental registration system HealthPro has been modified to include a SPNS variable. This will enable us to run reports on the SPNS clients' appointments, dental outcomes and other needed information.
- We are looking into dates for our site visit from OU.
- The Family Child Guidance Mental Health Questionnaire is being pilot tested and is set up in Teleform. Client and therapist feedback on being received.
- Teleform is being used regularly for data entry.

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative: (Kevin Foley)

- 14 HIV+ participants enrolled from Navajo AIDS Network participated in the health survey and ongoing SPNS project.
- 10 participants enrolled from NCI.

- Health survey will be done repeatedly over the 5 year grant with at least 6 months between administration of the survey.
- Dr. Heirloo working with all referring doctors. He helped the local pharmacy established an adherence clinic. Infectious disease clinic is conducted on the same day and an adherence questionnaire is administered.
- Navajo AIDS Network has organized a case management meeting once a month to make referrals to the program for substance abuse treatment.
- Continuing work on Chart Extraction form.
- Conducting focus groups with data collectors to identify any data collection issues on July 16.

Robeson Health Care Corporation: (Millard Lowry)

- 38 clients have been enrolled in year one. With 11-12 complete data sets. Data collection and cleaning are ongoing.
- Conducted outreach with the health department on the 27 of June. 41 HIV+ test were conducted with 0 positive results of the 30 returned to date.
- Site is exploring the use of OraQuick.
- Continuing work with other agencies in the establishment of memorandums of understanding for data collection.
- Millard in serving on the North Carolina Media Review Panel reviewing HIV and STD materials used by the state.
- 650 people attended the Fatherhood Rally June 13th. Presentations at the rally focused on STDs, HIV, domestic violence and services being offered by Robeson and the Healing Lodge.
- Millard is updating the PowerPoint presented by Jo Lentz on Pastoral Training with information from the closeout survey and information from the outreach on the 27th.
- In September the project will be presenting at the CDC conference in Atlanta.

HRSA Updates:

- All project should have received their notice of grant award letters

Evaluation Center:

- The regularly scheduled meeting for September coincides with Labor Day. There for it was agreed that this meeting will be rescheduled for the following Monday, September 8th.
- Reminder: The next grantees meeting is scheduled for October 8-10. On the 8th, all grantees will have an opportunity to meet with their project officer from 8am – noon. Paul will be notifying all project of reservation information via e-mail. This information can also be found on the Center's web site at <http://www.ou.edu/hiv/>
- Gregg is in the process of updating the project's web site. Project directors and evaluators are encourage to check the dissemination page

(<http://www.ou.edu/hiv/dissemination.htm>) and the contact page (<http://www.ou.edu/hiv/contact.htm>) to insure that all presentations are posted and contact information is complete and accurate.