

**US/Mexico Border Grantees Conference Call
July 7, 2003 10:30 am CST**

Participants: Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project: Steve Trujillo, Ken Burton, Mike Tarter - Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services: Yvonne Roacho, Michelle Valverde - Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe: America Jones, John Wiebe - San Ysidro Health Center: Rosana Scholari, Alisa Olshefsky, - Valley AIDS Council: Elias Cantu, George Losoya, Yolanda Cantu - Evaluation Center: Betty Duran, Tim Brittingham, Lynda Williams, Paul Rowe, Herman Curiel, Gregg Fryday - HRSA: Adan Cajina, Sandra Duggan

Project Reports:

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe: (America Jones)

Testing:

Month Year 2003	Pre Test Counseling	Post Test Counseling	Result Negative	Result Positive	New Clients Enrolled @ LFCC
January	28	21	27	1	4
February	29	21	26	3	3
March	27	26	25	1	1
April	27	25	25	2	2
May	36	27	25	2	2
June	29	24	24	0	0

SPNS Enrollment Time I: 6 Time II: 25

Training:

June 5, 2003 – Ms. Nadine Thomson, FNP, and Mrs. Rosa Vasquez, RN, from La Fe CARE Center attended an HIV in the Hispanic Community dinner presentation sponsored by Abbott Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Carpio, a virology doctor, from Los Angeles, California, presented a lecture on antiretroviral strategies, epidemiology, diagnosis and management of HIV in the Hispanic culture to include issues faced by the Hispanic population.

- **June 19 – 21, 2003** - Ms. Nadine Thomson, FNP at La Fe CARE Center attended the 6th Annual Ryan White CARE Act Clinical Conference in Orlando, Florida Topics covered included: Antiretroviral Strategies, Antiretroviral Drug Resistance (basic & advanced), Clinical Management of HCV & HBV Coinfections, Metabolic complications, Obstetrics/Gynecological and Reproductive Choice Issues, Clinical Management of Hepatitis C Virus Infection in the HIV Infected Patient, Epidemiology, Diagnosis, and Management of STDs in the HIV-Infected Patient

June 25, 2003 – Mrs. Rosa Vasquez, Care Manager, Ms. Gloria Hinojos, Data Entry Specialist, Ms. Laura Morales, AHP, Mr. Raymond Banelos, Case Worker, Mr. Isaac Cordova, Management

Analyst, and Mr. Fernando Martinez, Care Manager, all from La Fe CARE Center attended a lunch lecture at Grand China Buffet sponsored by Abbott Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Zorrilla from Puerto Rico facilitated a lecture with topics covering: “Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus” in relation to HIV infection—topics included obstetric/gynecological and reproductive issues in women with HIV.

Community Initiatives:

- **June 27, 2003** – Staff and peers from La Fe CARE Center participated in the XI Annual Candlelight International AIDS Vigil, Two Nations One Heart. Las Cruces, Hatch, Sunland Park, Ciudad Juarez and El Paso gather to remember those who have died as a result of AIDS, to give hope to those affected by HIV and to promote prevention.

Valley AIDS Council:

Programmatic: (Elias Cantu)

- Client Intervention:
 - o Nutrition presentation to SPNS patients from Nuestra Clinica Del Valle (NCDV) and Valley AIDS Council (VAC).
 - o Presented by: Nilda C. Grimaldo, LVN on June 11 & 25, 2003 at VAC in McAllen and Harlingen.
- Site Visit:
 - o To United Medical Centers (UMC) in Eagle Pass, Texas on June 18, 2003.
 - . Met with Connie Villarreal (UMC- Program Coordinator); Gustavo De la Cerda (Case Manager); Dr. Jorge Barboza-Sosa (Project Physician); and Irene Martinez (Project Nurse).
 - . University of Texas Health Science Centers at San Antonio (UTHSCSA)- Project Evaluators conducted Qualitative Interviews with project staff at UMC.
 - . Scheduled next Physician Precepting at UMC for August 25, 2003.
- Technical Assistance:
 - o Dr. Herman Curiel from University of Oklahoma presented to SPNS staff and VAC Case Managers on June 19, 2003.
 - o Presentation: “Grief Management” and “Case Management.”
- Dissemination:
 - o Presentation provided to Social Services Department from Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas on June 26, 2003.
 - . Presentation: “VAC Services.”
 - . Provided by: Elias Cantu, Jr. (SPNS); Elisabeth Casas (Pediatric Coordinator); Lydia Benavides (Director of Client Services); and Janie Delgado (SPNS-Data Entry).
 - o Public Service Announcement in local newspapers for awareness about National HIV Testing Day on June 27, 2003.

Evaluation: (Yolanda Cantu)

- Project Data Collection Activates:
 - o As of June 30, 2003 there are 211 unduplicated records in the Local Evaluation database.

There was an increase of 12 cases from the last reported amount of 199.

- o A total of 1310 forms have been entered into the National multi site database as of 06/26/2003. The following table summarizes this data: 205 unduplicated records in the National Database.

- Critical Incidents:
 - o None reported at this time.
- Other Evaluation Activities:
 - o Interview with Eagle Pass physician for satisfaction with HIV Primary Care Model of Delivery was conducted on June 18, 2003. We will continue interviews with projects nurses and administrators and project coordinator.
 - o The Evaluation team continues work on Social Marketing Intervention paper.
 - o We plan to complete qualitative interviews for individuals identified as seeking HIV and Non HIV care in Mexico by the end of summer. Twelve Interviews have been scheduled for the month of July.
 - o We have begun the transcribing the qualitative interviews.
 - o The Evaluation Team continues to work with VAC staff on data quality assurance.
 - o Presentation on HIV Training Module has been accepted for the Texas Rural Health Association Meeting in late August.

Module	Start Date	Totals Reported Previous Month				New Activity Since last Report				Totals to Date			
A -Demographic	030101	197				8				205			
B- Lifestyle	030101	191				9				200			
C- Change	030103	32				0				32			
D- Risk Factor	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		194	73	9	276	10	12	3	25	204	85	12	301
E -Quality of Life	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		174	71	4	249	12	7	3	22	186	78	7	271
F-Barriers to Care	110101	168				10				178			
G -Client Satisfaction	070101	Time				Time				Time			
		1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
		92	14	2	108	12	3	0	15	104	17	2	123

Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services:

Programmatic: (Yvonne Roacho)

- Veronica, Yvonne, and Victoria attended the Binational HIV/AIDS Vigil on June 27: Yvonne was interviewed for local paper, the turnout was higher than last year and a Dona Ana County Commissioner attended. He stressed the importance of the work we do concerning HIV/AIDS.

Veronica has been finalizing the sub-contracts for the new fiscal year.

- In terms of sustainability, Camino de Vida recently applied for new prevention funds

from the state

- o Several of the components complement the outreach portion of the NMBHI
- o The pre/post knowledge assessment that was developed by the Prevention Case Manager and Graduate Research Assistant will be utilized as part of the evaluation; questions from several of the local modules may also be incorporated
- o The capacity building nature of the SPNS Project became evident when writing the proposal
 - Several trainings occurred during June, 2003
- o Dr. Bob Munk presented “How to Talk to Your Doctor” for clients and staff
- o Dr. Steve Jenison presented on “Perinatal Transmission” for providers
- o SoAHEC coordinated a training titled “Working with Groups and the People in Them” for the Health Outreach Workers and other CdV staff

Local Evaluation: (Michelle Valverde)

Michelle and Yvonne are preparing for the trip to Norman on July 21, 2003; we plan to work with local and multi-site data, revise local module 15 (client understanding of disease management), develop an outline for the multi-site barriers paper, develop the script for the local qualitative study, and discuss qualitative coding strategies.

In an effort to contract with someone in the area to conduct the key informant interviews for the local qualitative study, Veronica and Michelle met with a local clinical Psychologist who is very interested.

Veronica and Michelle are working with the Health Outreach Workers to document and succinctly describe the outreach process for the HOW paper; 7 steps appear to exist.

SPNS Fiscal Year 3 Cumulative Stats. (July 1, 2002 thru June 24, 2003):

Number of Tests: 336
Number of Results: 256
Rate of Return: 76%
Number of Contacts: 626

Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project: (Steve Trujillo)

Trainings:

- On June 5th Dr. Carmichael traveled to the Chiricahua Community Health Center and saw 6 patients with Dr. Avina. Dr. Feldman provided consultation to Dr. Thomas of Yuma on June 24th specific to patient care.

AZ AIDS ETC:

No trainings reported in the month of June.

Meeting scheduled for July 9th with Dr. Carol Galper, AZ AETC to discuss training goals and objectives for for project collaborators and the development/implementation of the self-paced training

manual for collaborators.

Out Reach Activities:

Yuma – YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras continue outreach in Yuma and the surrounding communities. Outreach is conducted in fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, college campus and use of house parties. Outreach is targeted at MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women. On June 12th project coordinator met with Executive Director of Border Health Foundation (BHF) to discuss issues of collaboration between BHF and Yuma County Health Department regarding outreach activities.

Santa Cruz – Mariposa Community Health Center continues to outreach the established local sites and the outlying communities of Rio Rico and Patagonia. Cesar Grijalva and Ana Dutram continue to participate on the local radio program when invited. Outreach is targeted to MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women. The project coordinator, Norma Sotomayor (SIA staff) and Platicamos Salud staff met with the staff of CISAL in Nogales Sonora on July 3rd and discussed outreach prevention, medical care and adherence issues.

Cochise – The HIV case managers, Sofia Somerstein and Emma Ramirez continue to conduct outreach efforts in Cochise County. Drs. Garcia, Ryan and Avina continue to work on coordinating services between Chiricahua Community Health Center and the Cochise County Health Department. Dr. Garcia continues his efforts to collaborate with the health department and physicians in Mexico.

Project Enrollment:

- Cochise County Health Department enrolled 2 new patients in June and 1 on July 2nd. Pima County/SIA enrolled 1 new patient in June and Santa Cruz County/Mariposa Health Center has 1 new patient pending enrollment. No new patients enrolled in Yuma County.

Local Evaluation:

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

Announcement:

- ABHAC Project collaborator meeting scheduled for July 11, 2003.

San Ysidro Health Center: (Rosana Scholari)

Programmatic/Dissemination:

- Social Marketing Campaign – radio ad, website and 1-800 number
 - o Phone Contacts
 - . Received 10-15 calls with one caller scheduled to come in for testing today (Monday the 7th).
 - . Callers seem more comfortable scheduling a test with the counselor they have spoken with on the phone.
 - . Most callers are choosing to test outside of their community and are selecting other

regions than the one they live in.

- o The website has received approximately 250 as of June 16th when it was established.
- National HIV Testing day activities
- o Event was similar to last year with testing and prevention counseling
- o 61 were tested at this event. High risk individuals were targeted.
- Site Visits
- o Site visits have been scheduled with all our partner sites
- o Issues to be discussed include contract negotiation and sustainability.

Evaluation: (Alisa Olshefsky)

- The decision was made by UCSD Evaluation to not include pregnant women in SPNS enrollment. UCSD Human Research Protection Program considers them a vulnerable population and their enrollment must be justified. The potential number of recruits for this population and their at-risk status does not merit inclusion in the SPNS project at this time.

A student intern from Grossmont College developed a database for the Case Management Referral Form during May 03. It will be revised by project staff and should be ready for data entry by July 03.

Follow-up on protocol on project dissemination for replication. A researcher at Drew University has expressed interest in some of the multi-site modules. Interested parties will be directed to contact David Barney regarding this issue.

HRSA: (Adan Cajina)

Sandra Duggan will be representing HRSA at the grantees meeting next month.

Notice of grant award for FY 4 have been sent out. You may contact Pamela Baker, HRSA Grants Management Officer, if you have not received notification.

Financial Statement Reviews are due within 90 days of the end FY 3. These are to be sent to Pamela Baker in Grants Management. These may be submitted at any time during the 90 day window period.

Evaluation Center:

- Reminder:
 - o Everyone should have their hotel reservations confirmed for August's meeting.
 - o Expect a memo concerning activities scheduled for the dissemination meeting to be held the first day of the grantees meeting.
 - o Schedule your first site visit for FY 4 as soon as possible with Betty. Dates to consider are between mid-August and the end of November.
- August and September conference call issues
 - o There will be no conference call in August because of its proximity to the grantees meeting.
 - o The next conference call in September coincides with Labor Day and will be held the following Monday, September 8 at our regular time.

Dr. Curiel's PowerPoint presentations, "Grief Management" and "Case Management" are posted on the Border website. Anyone who would like him to come to their site to conduct this training may

contact the Evaluation Center.