

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, August 14, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Raylene
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge
4CC	Kevin Foley, Sherrick Roanhorse
YK	Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett
HRSA	
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates

SPIPA

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date: 8/14/06

Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/8 N/2	S/76 N/77
Group Outreach Contacts	S/21 N/0	S/601 N /1402
Community Survey	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
HIV+ clients enrolled to date		

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
HIV counseling & testing	S/0 N/2	S/37 N/69
Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)		3

3 patients currently in the referral system

Planning Activities

Nisqually is planning youth events with the tribal youth workers. Staff is also planning for a health fair on August 31st.

Shoalwater Bay will have youth outreach in combination with other tribal health programs. Planned our outings and camping trips, that all include prevention messages, developed by youth. Testing of youth will be discussed.

SPIPA Project Coordinator will be working with **SPIPA** grant staff to develop MOA's for the use of the Rapid Test.

Other Data Collection Activities:

Data Collection will begin this month.

Dissemination Activities:

SPIPA and Karina Uldall will be presenting a Poster at the Ryan White Conference. The theme of the poster will be turned into an article.

Training Activities:

The tribal staff in Shoalwater Bay and Nisqually (6 each) participated in the Rapid Testing Training with the representative from OraSure and the WA State Dept. of Health. Both tribes are now finishing up their quality assurance program and will begin testing with the Oral Rapid Test in the near future.

Outreach Activities:

Shoalwater Bay hosted a youth session, discussing the Oral Rapid Test which will be available to them in the very near future. The tribal contact with other health programs allows them to fund certain outreach programs including this one.

On August 10th, Nisqually hosted two youth sessions, where testing and other HIV issues were discussed.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

- SPIPA is working on an MOA that will clearly delineate that all SPIPA does is be the conduit for rapid testing contract but the clinics will be the one developing the program, delivery, and their own quality assurance. This is because SPIPA doesn't have any input into clinical work at different tribal sites. It has to write an MOA and get the tribal council to sign those. This will happen this week as well.
- There will be a big HIV event at the end of the month. There won't be any testing there but people will be referred to different sites to be tested.

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative

Project Update: May, June, July 2006

Conference Call Date: August 2006

Data Collection Activities

Pre HIV Test Counseling	35	Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (post)	30	Group education participants	258
Mini Risk Assessments	37	Number of new HIV+ clients (result of SPNS)	0	Clients receiving counseling but no HIV test	
Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior (pre)	33	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	45	Clients referred mental health svcs	
Number of HIV Tests	36	SPNS clients receiving case mgt through 4CC	52	Clients receiving mental health svcs	
Cumulative NCI relatives completing consent form	310	Total NCI relatives enrolled and tested to date (05/06 fiscal year)	244	Total group education participants for FY 2006	993

Other Data Collection Activities:

Referral tracking form data continuing to be collected; Continuing to collect and enter chart abstraction data from Navajo Area IHS

Dissemination Activities:

May 2-6th – “Embracing Our Traditions” Conference, Anchorage, AK; June 22-23rd – Navajo Nation IRB Conference, Tuba City, AZ. June 28th – New Mexico Tribal Health Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM

Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

July 21st – Conference call held with Native American Health Center for collaborative urban vs. rural paper

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Conference Calls: May 15, 24; June 9, 27; July 10, 19
 HRSA Grant Award: July 10th – Received NGA with conditions; July 25th – Dr. Foley submitted letter detailing client tracking plan; Issues with Dr. Duran’s travel resolved

Other items to be discussed:

June 1st – HRSA re-application submitted; July 18th – Approval for 12th NNIRB Quarterly Report and updated data Power Point presentation granted by the NNIRB

- 4CC will have another phone call with NAHC this Friday to work on their collaborative paper.
- Julie Lucero will be leaving the project at the end of this month. Sherrick will be taking over Julie’s role.
- Bonnie is planning to develop a draft of CBPR article for the Journal of Health Promotion. She is planning to have a draft by October 1.
- Project is comparing viral load and health survey information. Twenty four people have consented to provide their data. There is now enough n for statistical power. UNM is examining the data.

YK

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date:
14 August 2006

Data Collection Activities

HIV QuickTest and Counseling/Circle of Care	9	Number of healthcare workers trained	
Community survey/Outreach Participants	8	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
HIV QuickTest Hospital Inhouse	184	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Other Data Collection Activities:

Using Y-K’s RPMS data management system to look at the number of HIV rapid tests being done in the YK Delta and the sex and age of the individuals and looking at increase since beginning of Circle of Care

Dissemination Activities:

Working on poster presentation for the Washington, DC Ryan White Conference at the end of August. Met with graphic designer about poster layout

Met with Mark to discuss poster content , monograph and dissemination plans

Training Activities:

Attended annual health aide training conference at St. Mary's and talked about HIV risk assessment and risk reduction counseling with health aides

Outreach Activities:

Working with Public Health, State Epidemiology, Corrections and Bethel Family Clinic on Delta-wide STD assessment.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Bruce, from Healing Lodge, provided some wonderful information and advice to STD task force via teleconference.

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Responded to terms and conditions of NGA that were requested with initial notification of final year approval. Additional terms were requested and response is being prepared.
Talked with Glenn about terms and conditions of final year of project.

Other items to be discussed:

Time line for final report and guidance on its form.

- In-house quick test for the hospital continues to increase. Carl is often getting calls to conduct the tests. It appears that people are informing their partners about getting tested.
- Bruce feedback on faith based efforts will be helpful in working with faith based organizations in the delta. Bruce's feedback to the HIV/AIDS Taskforce was also very productive.
- Carl wanted to know about the timeline for the final report, and guidance regarding its format. Also wanted to know if there would be a SPNS meeting before the end of the final year. K G said that projects will be updated about that.
- Mark said the monograph article was resubmitted about a week and half ago. The tribal board's concerns were addressed. Still not sure if it will be approved. Mark felt that article doesn't discuss what could be viewed as negative insights about some of the communities.
- Glenn discussed working with the projects and HRSA regarding funding approval. He requested patience since it will take some projects a bit longer to be approved than others.

Healing Lodge

- Bruce said the project was getting ready for Healing Lodge Weekend this week. It has an event that they have worked on since January.
- Trish has been doing outreach and testing in place for Robert. His position is still vacant. It is hoped that the position will be filled by the end of the month.
- Bruce's conference call with Carl with very productive.
- Bruce has been working on presentation for RWCA.
- Project has been preparing for Spiritual Connections trainings and the project's youth component. There has been extensive collaboration from churches regarding the youth component. About 100 youth have been registered to this point. The financing for the event has been provided by the community.
- Project is also planning to distribute the mini-grants into the communities soon.
- Advisory CAB meeting for youth component went well.
- The project is also collaborating with another agency in one of the communities where the project will conduct outreach one day a month about HIV/STD in the community.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

Project Update

Conference Call Date: July 10, 2006

Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	?
Health Surveys	26
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	55
Number of new SPNS clients	0

Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	5
Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	31
Clients receiving Mental health svcs FCGC/NAAP	7/5
Clients receiving dental svcs	8

Clients receiving substance abuse services	0
UDC visiting drop in Center	19
Clients receiving HIV Program Services	21
Clients receiving medical svcs	17

Other Data Collection Activities:

- ⌘ HIV testing numbers: 520 tests completed last fiscal year 146 to AI/AN; 28% were high risk. 1% seroprevalence
- ⌘ Abstract for meth conference due 9/15—conference in February
- ⌘ Client satisfaction survey tabulated—results attached.

Dissemination Activities:

- ⌘ Director and Evaluator presented at I.H.S. UIHP HIV/AIDS Regional Training on holistic services and women and trauma

Training Activities:

- ⌘ HIV Tester attended a social network training to help focus on reaching higher risk individuals through HIV testing

Outreach Activities:

- ⌘ New Outreach Worker begins 8/14

HIV Program Services Activities:

- ⌘ RFP for Academy of Friends unrestricted funds to cover expansion of treatment programs—we'll be notified by August 31, 2006.
- ⌘ New Health Educator began at Friendship House—looking at re-implementing sweat lodges

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

- Maritza said that out of the 520 tests conducted last year, 501 were rapid tests, and 19 were OraSure tests. The focus this fiscal year will be to test high risk individuals.
- There was one false positive rapid test. This was followed by the finger prick, and a standard vena puncture. This was done according to guidelines of San Francisco Department of Public Health.
- The project went through an HIV quality assurance audit. This led to creation of a flow sheet to assist the auditors. Maritza is now interesting in comparing quality of life measures of some clients with some of the medical indicators to see if there is something going on there.

- Project has a new outreach worker who starts today. There also a new health educator at the Friendship House who is really interested in re-implementing the sweat lodges.
- Glenn asked if Maritza and Karen have looked at the turnover rates of such workers. Maritza said no. She expects that the turnover rate at her agency is similar to others.

ANTHC

Project Update

Conference Call Date: August 14, 2006

Data Collection Activities

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

Number of post-test education/counseling provided	
Number of HIV tests performed by NSHC lab and billed to ANTHC	
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. Data collection until December 31, 2006.

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"
6. Approval on presentation submission to American Evaluation Association, Evaluation 2006 *Conducting Evaluations With Tribal Entities in the United States: Tribal Oversight and Tribal Research Review Boards.*

Training Activities:

Outreach Activities:

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:

Recruitment for Nome-based Community Coordinator position is being offered. Hope to get applicant in position as soon as possible.

David Neal, Gloria, and Sherry traveled to Nome to work with the database entry personnel to gather information for the poster presentation at the RW Conference.

On-going bi-weekly factoids as an advertisement that show prior to movies at local movie theater, local scanner channel, and the local newspaper.

- Gloria was in Nome two weeks ago entering testing data. Gloria will assist Sherry with renewal application. Gloria and Mark will schedule a time to discuss and move forward on their collaborative project. Testing is still being routinely as part of intake process.

OU Updates

- September’s conference call dates were discussed. It was decided that all project conference call will take place on September 11. Individual project conference calls scheduled for Monday, September 18 will be moved to Tuesday, September 19 at the same time. Time and date for other project conference calls will remain the same.
- Maritza asked about projects meeting at RWCA. Glenn said a meeting hasn’t been decided yet. He solicited input from grantees. They will meet probably for lunch on Tuesday, August 29th. KG suggested that OU will send out an email soliciting feedback regarding meeting time and date. Maritza and Kevin agreed.

- Responding Kevin's inquiry to sending PowerPoint presentation to RWCA, Nancy said he may need to contact Lilly Cho.
- Saleem will follow up with meeting time and date for RWCA as well as September conference call dates. Tim is no longer with the project. Monograph on CD is now ready and will be available at the RWCA conference. Kevin said he was interested in receiving a box.
- Glenn asked those attending the RWCA conference to note what impressed them and what didn't during September's all project conference call.

Conference call ended at 12:50 pm