

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call
September 8, 2003 at 12:00 pm CST**

Participants: OU: Betty Duran, Marguerite Keesee, Lynda Williams, Gregg Fryday, Lynda Williams – YK: Carl Evans, Andrea Savage – 4CC: Julie Lucero, Rebeccah Rodriguez – ANTHC: Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge, Joan Domnick – NAHC: Karen Saylor, Parousha Zand, Myra Smith – SPIPA: Jutta Riediger – Robeson: Millard Lowry, Margaret Opitz – HRSA: Katie Handley, Sandi Duggan

Project Reports:

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: (Jutta Riediger)

- Completion of contract with evaluator, Karina Uldall and UW. The intellectual property issues have been resolved.
- Completion of approval process by the UW IRB.
- Commencement of Surveys by the Local Tribes: 33 to be completed by the end of September. Seventeen have been completed.
- Contract for a Social Marketing Campaign: Have a person in mind for this contract that has worked with the tribes previously on other community projects. Campaign materials will include fact sheets and outreach brochures to be produced in collaboration with the three tribes. Microsoft Publisher has also been purchased for the tribes and training will be provided so they can produce local materials
- Participation by Local Staff in Health Fairs are being planned.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: (Carl Evans) Andrea Savage lost connection during the call. Carl provided the update, and Betty Duran read the outline provided by Andrea with additional comments by Carl.

Updates:

- Project has received support from 3 of its 4 villages. These have agreed to participate in the project.
- Recruiting has begun for community advocates
- Community survey has been revised

Current Activities:

- Establishing contact with fourth village
- Continue recruiting efforts
- Submitting revisions to Alaska Area IRB
- Presentations will be made to Tundra Center tomorrow and to Community Health Center Representatives this week.
- Attending the United States Conference on AIDS in New Orleans.

- The site visit was confirmed for the first week in December.

Robeson Health Care Corporation: (Millard Lowry)

- Tomorrow's site visit and coordination were discussed. Wednesday morning was identified as a time when case managers will be brought in for a program overview.
- Partner with the Health Department and other agencies have resulted in the administration of 132 tests with one positive result for syphilis. Thirty five individuals are enrolled in the SPNS project. Of these, 33 are Native American and 2 are associates of Native Americans
- Reservations have been made for the grantees meeting in Washington, DC. Millard, Jo, Ottis, Robert and Margaret (the new co-evaluator introduced on today's call) will be attending the meeting.
- The Healing Lodge conducted a walkathon last week to increase awareness.
- TA received from the Evaluation Center was helpful in addressing programmatic and administrative issues.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: (Tracy Speier)

Goal 1: Resubmission of the IRB for the medical outcomes of Title III happened on August 29th. Review of the IRB will take place on September 16th.

Goal 2: The MOA for the DOC was set for signature on the 20th of August, but has however, now been delayed within ANTHC's Contracting Department.

- This delay within ANTHC's Contracting Department has caused a delay in the development and implementation of the key informant interviews.
- We will be utilizing the community readiness model that Dr. Barney sent out to grantees for the key informant interviews and will likely be seeking input and TA from OU on the implementation of this model.
- Once the DOC MOA is in place we will also begin putting together the DOC IRB and the intervention.
- The Nome Regional Tribal Health Organization has hired a DOC transitional worker and Tracy will be making contact with this person this week and will work with the Cultural Liaison at DOC and the Regional Health Corporation(s) on establishing a working relationship.
- We have begun preliminary discussions regarding the statewide survey on the transitional needs of AN/AI being released from the DOC. Tracy will be working with ANTHC's Prisoner Outreach Program and the new Cultural Liaison for DOC in the development of an MOA. Gloria will be working on the survey for DOC's review and feedback. The Coordinator for the Prisoner Outreach Program and the Cultural Liaison will likely be the individuals who will implement the survey after it has received approval by the necessary IRBs.
 - The preliminary data from the Prison Outreach Project has been entered. We will be presenting some of this at the meeting in D.C. in October.

- Chugachmiut finally responded to ANTHC and UAA's request to analyze HIV prevention education data that was collected as part of a cooperative agreement with the CDC implemented from 1997-2000. Chugachmiut granted ANTHC permission to analyze the data but denied the request from UAA to analyze the data. Instead permission will have to come from ANTHC since this is the Tribal organization Chugachmiut granted permission to analyze the data. Since UAA is ANTHC evaluator on the SPNS project, ANTHC and UAA have created a data sharing agreement and will submit this agreement with correspondence from Chugachmiut to the IRB (exempt). Once approval is granted by the IRB, UAA will begin analyses of the data on HIV education methods in the Alaska state prison system.

Goal 3: Gloria and Tracy have begun discussion about the community-based intervention and will, in the near future, be working with Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation and Kawerak, in developing MOAs for the development of this intervention. We will also be working with the Seaside Residential Center, which is the halfway house located in Nome and affiliated with DOC.

Additional Information:

- Gloria and Tracy are collaborating with ANTHC's HIV/AIDS training program on developing train the trainer training for behavioral health providers in Nome and Kotzebue.
- Joan and Tracy will be working on budget close out with ANTHC's Finance Department and submitting a carry over request.
- Tickets have been purchased to DC and Gloria and Tracy have begun discussing the presentation.
- Tracy has received feedback from ANTHC's research team regarding the site-visit scheduled for December. The 90 minute interview is set for December 4, and the teleconference with HRSA is scheduled for the morning of the 5th. Due to time differences, the scheduled time will need to be between 9-12:00 Alaska Time (1:00 – 4:00 ET), and will depend upon what time is best for our Project Officer.

Native American Health Center: (Parousha Zand)

- 27 intakes completed on HIV positive clients. Six in year two
- 6 follow ups completed at 3 month interval. More follow ups are being scheduled.
- NewTeleform AIDS risk behavior form is being finalized.
- SPNS community BBQ was very successful, we had 14 HIV positive clients attending with friends and family for a total of 20 community members. We scheduled 4 follow ups and one new intake plus other referrals to medical, dental, mental health and substance use services. One patient was triaged at the BBQ and sent over to see the doctor.
- We're awaiting the Medical form from Dr. Huba's team. Betty indicated that she will be meeting with Dr. Huba on Friday and will have more information on the XL spread sheet at that time. Betty will call Parousha on Friday.

- Karen's team is continuing to process our data and forms.
- Friendship House referrals are increasing, totals for July and August still being calculated due to Parousha's vacation.

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative: (Rebecca Rodriguez)

- Two surveys are being conducted:
 - The Knowledge and Behaviors survey has been conducted with 28 people
 - 14 clients have completed the Health survey. Five to six are scheduled to take the survey.
- Preliminary data was presented at the site visit.
- Made resubmission to UNM because of a change in incentives. The submission was approved.
- Dissemination: IRB approval will be needed for any dissemination of preliminary data outside of the collaborative.

HRSA Updates: (Sandi Duggan)

- No update at this time

Evaluation Center:

- The center asked grantees for an update of attendees for October's meeting:
 - SPIPA: Jutta Riediger, Carmen Kalama, Debbie Gardipee and Karina Uldall.
 - YK: Mark Anaruk and Andrea Savage.
 - Robeson: Millard Lowry, Robert Hunt, Ottis Murray, Jo Lentz, and Margaret Opitz.
 - ANTHC: Tracy Speier, Joan Domnick, and Gloria Eldridge.
 - NAHC: Karen Saylor, Parousha Zand, and Myra Smith.
 - 4CC: Kevin Foley and Rebecca Rodriguez.
- The center would like to include skill building as part of the agenda for October's meeting. Specifically, someone with experience working with Alaska Native/American Indians, HIV, substance abuse and mental health. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Several suggestions were made on the call. The center will follow up with these leads and get information to Parousha and Joan regarding specific content desired for the presentation.
- Reminder: All site visits have been scheduled. As part of the visit, 90 minute recorded interviews on barriers will be conducted. The questionnaire for the interviews will be sent out prior to the visit.