

**US/Mexico Border Grantees Conference Call  
September 8, 2003 10:30 am CST**

**Participants:** Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project: Steve Trujillo, Mike Tarter - Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services: Veronica Salcido-Harding, Michelle Valverde - Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe: John Wiebe - San Ysidro Health Center: Maria Zúñiga - Valley AIDS Council: Elias Cantu, George Losoya, Lucia Bustamante - Evaluation Center: Betty Duran, Marguerite Keese, Lynda Williams, Gregg Fryday - HRSA: Adan Cajina, Robyn Schulhof, Sandi Duggan

**Project Reports:**

***San Ysidro Health Center:*** (Maria Zúñiga)

Programmatic/Dissemination:

- Social Marketing Campaign – June 16, 2003 to August 15, 2003 (8 weeks)  
Evaluation data will be reviewed in the next few months—clinic documentation of tester exposure to media messages continues.

Evaluation:

- Plans underway to prepare locally for OU chart review abstraction on patients for whom information was unavailable or incomplete the first review period

Data update:

- Multi-site Data: 7/1/01- 9/6/03
  - Number of HIV + persons enrolled: 204
  - Number of persons enrolled through HIV testing: 3105
  
  - Number of results through HIV testing
    - HIV positive- 34
    - HIV negative- 2193
    - Inconclusive- 12
    - Total- 2240
  
  - Local Data:  
Number of outreach contacts (estimate):  
Approximate total = 5,754

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

Trainings:

Dr. Carmichael traveled to the Chiricahua Community Health Center on July 11 and August 14 to co-manage patient care with Dr. Avina. Dr. Estok provided consultation to Dr. Pimaenta on July 10 specific to patient care. September 4 Dr. Carmichael traveled to Nogales to see patients with Dr. Pimaenta at Mariposa Clinic.

AZ AIDS ETC:

No trainings reported in the months of July and August.

Met with Dr. Carol Galper, AZ AETC July 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss training goals and objectives and the development/implementation of the self-paced training manual for collaborators. Self-paced training manual is expected to be completed the first of October. Implementation of the self-paced training manual will be discussed with collaborators at the September 5 meeting.

Out Reach Activities:

**Yuma** – Outreach activities continue by YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras. Outreach is extended to the communities of Somerton, San Luis and Wellton. Outreach continues to be targeted to MSM, Latina Women, IDUs and their sexual partners. Outreach is conducted in fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, college campus and use of house parties.

**Santa Cruz** – Mariposa Community Health Center continues to outreach the established local sites and the outlying communities of Rio Rico and Patagonia. Outreach is targeted to MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women. Cesar Grijalva, Carlos Tapia and Ana Dutram conduct outreach activities. Local radio continues to be used as a vehicle for outreach in the community.

**Cochise** – Case managers, Sofia Somerstein and Emma Ramirez continue to conduct outreach activities in Cochise County. Drs. Garcia, Ryan and Avina are continuing discussions coordinating and developing services between Chiricahua Community Health Center and the Cochise County Health Department.

### Project Enrollment:

Two new patients enrolled in the project one in Cochise County and the second in Pima County. Patient care for eight patients seen at SIA was transferred to Chiricahua Community Health Center in Cochise County.

### Local Evaluation:

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

Information and plan submitted to OU regarding the outliers for medical record data extractions.

### ***Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services:***

#### Programmatic: (Veronica Salcido-Harding)

- Nosotros Viviremos training in collaboration with the National Council of Advocates for Students and NMDOH on September 9th and 10th.
- Testing and Counseling Training October 22nd & 23rd.
- CdV has a new Medical Director, Dr. Cecilia Tellez as of July 1, 2003.
- We are having conference calls every 2 weeks now with the NMAETC and SoAHEC. This has been helpful given the number of recent and future trainings.
- Kari, Veronica, Tracy, and Michelle met with John Fanning and Marguerite Figeroua from HRSA on August 26th to discuss sustainability.
- Client Educational Series: On August 21, in collaboration with SoAHEC and NMAETC, Camino de Vida hosted a training with Dr. Gary Sinclair about Superinfection and Wild Type. An assessment was collected asking for input from the clients regarding future topics and/or locations for the trainings.
- Provider Education: On August 22nd at La Clinica de Familia, community health center in Anthony, NM Dr. Gary Sinclair presented a case study on Superinfection and Wild type to three Community Health Center physicians and five nurses (three CHC nurses, one CdV Nurse, and the DOH Early Intervention nurse). Two case managers were also in attendance.
- Our request for carry over funds was approved. The funds will be used to perform a qualitative study on "late entry into care" and the development of the Health Outreach Worker manual.
- We received copies of the SPNS article in Vision New Mexico Volume 10, Issue 3. Veronica will send a copy to Robyn.

#### Local Evaluation: (Michelle Valverde)

- Michelle and Veronica presented an update to the Health Outreach Workers on 9/03; a staff update is scheduled for 9/19.

- Jennifer and Yvonne have been entering the outreach data and Yvonne is working with the case managers to schedule interviews with new clients to enroll them into SPNS.
- Michelle has been reviewing literature related to barriers to entering care and late entry - copies will be sent to Marguerite and Herman; some of the literature will help us focus our local qualitative study.
- Michelle and Veronica are assisting in updating the annual CdV client satisfaction survey; questions pertaining to medical care are being added.
- Yvonne followed up with Tim and Betty after the meeting in El Paso and sent them a list with a summary of the medical chart reviews. Several clients declined, several disenrolled from CdV, and a couple have their charts in Albuquerque. New clients will be approached between now and December.
- 92 HIV tests completed so far this fiscal year and over 100 contacts. The goal for this year is 250 tests and 500 contacts. There are 133 clients enrolled at Camino de Vida.

***Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe:*** (John Wiebe)

- America Jones was unavailable for today's meeting (Dr. Wiebe will forward her update for posting when local technical difficulties are resolved).
- Oscar Esparsa, Karena Rameras and Erica Mercado will be working with UTEP this fall.
- Starting implementation of time three data collection next week of the week after.
- John will be presenting the depression paper at the APHA conference in November.
- Project update from America

**TESTING**

<b>Month Year 2003</b>	<b>Pre Test Counseling</b>	<b>Post Test Counseling</b>	<b>Result Negative</b>	<b>Result Positive</b>	<b>New Clients Enrolled @ LFCC</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

## TRAVEL/TRAINING

**July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** Mr. Ernesto Navarro, Case Manager at La Fe CARE Center attended a meeting on ARIES, the TDH AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System in Dallas, Texas. This system will be taking the place of COMPIS, the existing data base system being utilized to track units of service. Mr. Navarro was informed that the ARIES is a browser-based client care management system that also fulfills administration and reporting needs for HIV/AIDS care. During the meeting the following topics were discussed: Common Concerns: client identification, the possibility for duplication of numbers, client Privacy and Data Sharing, double data entry. Developmental Phases: Requirements, Software and Data Design. Risk: Building the wrong system, Security breaches and privacy leaks, Data quality control. Case Managers input: Case Manager/Intake Personnel Flow of Work for existing clients. Meetings will continue to be held on the ARIES system throughout the year, system to be in place by September of 2004.

**July 12-15, 2003:** America Jones Administrator, Cristina Ramirez RN, Jessica Ojeda Case Manager and Rogelio Trevizo Peer Advocate from La Fe CARE Center attended the National Council of La Raza Annual Conference in Austin Texas. The CARE Team presented a workshop titled, *“Integrating Peer Advocates (Companeros de Causa) Into a Multidisciplinary Team for the Management of HIV/AIDS”*. The workshop described how HIV-positive consumers are also HIV providers who assist a team of caregivers in managing the clinical and psycho-social aspects of HIV/AIDS treatment. Topics for discussion included how these peers assist clients in accessing care treatment and services, help clients navigate through the medical and legal system, educate clients, complete pre- and post- test counseling, collaborate with other care providers, and are part of a Team Model of Care which include a registered nurse (care manger), a case manager, and a peer advocate. An interactive and informative question and answer session followed the presentation.

The CARE Team attended several workshops among them were: *Case Management, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs: A Reasonable Alternative to Incarceration, Sesame Street Beginnings: Enhancing Preschoolers’ Language and Literacy Development, Real Women Have Curves, and Innovative HIV/AIDS Strategies for the Latino Community.*

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** Ms. America Jones RN, Administrator at La Fe CARE Center presented a lecture at Texas Tech for the Hispanic Center of Excellence summer camps. The target audience was local high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. Topics of discussion were the Nursing profession and Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe services.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003:** Nadine Thomson RN, FNP-c attended a luncheon presentation sponsored by Abbott Laboratories regarding updates on the medication Kaletra as it compares with the newest protease inhibitor just released this month (Atazanavir from BMS).

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003:** A representative from Odyssey Hospice presented, “*What is Hospice*” during a luncheon presentation for the staff at La Fe CARE Center. All staff was in attendance. Discussion included advanced directives, criteria for hospice, patient options, and other hospice issues.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003:** Dr. John Wiebe, La Fe CARE Center’s SPNS Evaluator, presented and compared evaluation data collected from Yr1 and Yr2 of the SPNS study to the staff. Improvement was noted on clients CD4 and Viral Load numbers, satisfaction with care, and other markers. Clients self reported presenting issues (N=287) were: 84.70% low income, 43.50% chronic unemployment, 36.40% transportation difficulties, 31.60% mental health, 20.70% drug abuse, 19.70% alcohol abuse, and 8.80% homelessness. Demographic data presented included gender distribution at 87% male, 13% female, and 1% transgender (m-f). Self reported sexual orientation was 58% gay/lesbian, 30% heterosexual, and 9% bisexual. Data on other modules were also presented. Future in-services will be scheduled for continuous updates on data collected for continuous quality improvement.

**August 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** Mr. Ernesto Navarro, case manager and Raymond Banuelos, case worker attended the Case Management Institute Training in Austin, Texas. Case Management training involved a review on logic modeling, case management standards and ethics. Training also allowed case managers to interact share ideas on tools that are being utilized for case management. Training information was disseminated to Jessica Ojeda, Case Worker. Social Service Department is currently utilizing the training information to continue to implement psychosocial needs assessments. This is the first part of a two part beneficial training that will enhanced our social service skills immensely. The second continuation of training will be on December, 2003.

**August 13, 2003:** Luncheon presentation by Tom Young, scientist and nurse practitioner and sponsored by Abbott Laboratories was attended by the clinical staff of CARE. Topics discussed included: resistance development and sequencing of medications after resistance development. A lively question and answer period followed.

***Valley AIDS Council:***

Programmatic:(Elias Cantu)

- Nilda C. Grimaldo, VAC’s LVN/Case Manager has been conducting client education to SPNS patients since April 2003 on several health topics.
  - July: Cardiovascular disease and Diabetes in people with HIV.
  - August: Sexually Transmitted Diseases.
  - August: Cholesterol presentation.
- Elias attended the South Texas HIV Planning Assembly and presented the manual that was presented in El Paso by Sandi Duggan from HRSA.

- Made presentation to the school districts regarding VAC and the SPNS project. Elias was invited back to make an HIV 101 to the school district employees during one of these visits.
- Participated at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church Health Services Expo in Raymondville. The expo was sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
- Brownsville VAC ribbon cutting ceremony. Met with other area representatives.
- Conducted interviews with clients who reported receiving services in Mexico.
- Physician Precepting:
  - Dr. Fernando Garcia provided training to Dr. D’Lima at Nuestra Clinica Del Valle in Pharr, Texas on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - GlaxoSmithKline (Oscar Valdez/Nancy Garza) did a Pharmaceutical presentation to the SPNS Partnership Meeting attendees and at the VAC-Harlingen Clinic to the medical and case management staff on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dr. Fernando Garcia provided training to Dr. Jorge Barboza-Sosa in Eagle Pass on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dr. Garcia also did a presentation on “Post-Exposure Prophylaxis” as part of his collaboration with AETC.

Evaluation: (George Lozoya)

- Lucia Bustamante will be working with Yolanda Cantu finishing out client interviews with clients seeking HIV care in Mexico.
- Elias is being trained as a backup to aid with data entry. Training a new data entry staff person (Linda Martinez) on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Disseminated early results of process evaluation findings at the SPNS Partnership Meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Yolanda Cantu and Dr. Gary Sinclair presented “Mentoring Patient Along the US/Mexico Border Care” to the Texas Rural Health Association in Austin on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**HRSA:** (Adan Cajina)

- Border Health Commission: Awaiting a presentation by Dr. Learner regarding HRSA wide meeting with the Border Health Commission. Adan will disseminate this to grantees as soon as its available.
- HRSA and the Evaluation Center are discussing a Monograph publication to include all the Border grantees focusing on clinical aspects of the initiative.
- Sandi, in following up on requests for the publication *Accessing Clinical Health Along the US/Mexico Border*, informed those interested in receiving this publication that they can call 1-888-ASK-HRSA to request a copy. It is usually received with in a week of the request.

**Evaluation Center:**

- Dr. Curiel announced Dr. Gilbert is requesting submissions for the HIV Journal . He will send out information to grantees on this dissemination opportunities.
- Reminder: The center is awaiting response to the client list presented at the Arizona grantees meeting regarding clients who were enrolled during the time of the first chart review but for which no chart extraction was done. Specifically, we need to know who has refused, and from whom consent has been received to plan for January's extraction. The center has receive a response from Arizona. Michelle (Camino de Vida) indicated that Yvonne sent the information to Tim. She will see that Betty receives it also.