

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call  
Monday, September 12, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge, Burt
4CC	Julie Lucero, Sherrick Raonhorse
YK	Mark Anaruk
NC	Bruce Swett
HRSA	Sarah Hargrove, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Tim Brittingham

**Project Updates:**

**NC**

**Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge**

*Project Update*

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**Data Collection Activities: *Client***

Demographics	1	Risk Behaviors	1
Spirituality	1	Self Value	1
Belief & Behavior	1	Client Satisfaction	1
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	1	Testing/Counseling	1
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	2	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	2

**Data Collection Activities: *Pastor/Lay***

Demographics	10	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (pre)	
Spirituality	10	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (post)	
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	10	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
Attitude & Knowledge (post)		HIV + clients enrolled to date	

**Other Data Collection Activities:**

Mike Gross continues to gathering qualitative data from our Lay Health Advisors, persons who have taken the Spiritual Connection workshop and focus of gathering stories of how the workshop has had an impact and picture documentation of Spiritual Connection workshop.

**Dissemination Activities:**

- Healing Lodge hosted the SPNS HIV/ AIDS Task Force Meeting Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 29- in attendance.
- Healing Lodge Weekend was a success and great dissemination opportunity through Radio, Program Booklet, Information and Materials booth, Testimonials and participations.
- Attended Scotland County HIV AIDS Task Force meeting.
- Attended Region 5 HIV / AIDS meeting.
- Making plans for a partnership outreach with DIS and BART on the 16<sup>th</sup> in Scotland County.
- Making Plans for a partnership outreach with DIS and Robeson County Health Department. At the Meadows community in Lumberton.
- I will be a guest speaker on Radio program on the 19<sup>th</sup> to talk about the Healing Lodge and programs and services.
- I will be presenting before the Lumbee Tribal Council Board members on Thursday night in regards to the services that are offered through the SPNS program and other services.

**Faith Based Training Activities:**

No Training Activities this month but has began dialogue with communities.

**Outreach Activities:**

No outreach activities this month.

**Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:**

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**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

**Other items to be discussed:**

Abstract

- Collected data from one client this month. Waiting for testing results.
- Haven't had a Spiritual Connections training since June/July but have started looking for next partner area and started a dialogue with people from that area. Hope to have a session in fall.
- Have pictures for scrapbook. There was a scrapbook but was borrowed and now it is missing.
- Healing Lodge Weekend – provided a program booklet which provided some detail about the project and its services.
- Scotland County HIV/AIDS Taskforce meeting – all the money for HIV/AIDS for the county has been cut. BART picked up most of the clientele.
- Meeting with tribal council on upcoming Thursday night.

#### **4CC**

- Data collection is moving right along for NCI for higher risk individuals. It has gone down for health surveys of HIV positive clients because one of the case managers in Arizona resign and that position hasn't been filled yet. It should be filled by the end of this month. However, the person will have to gain the trust of the clients in Arizona. The case manager will also have to go through data collection procedures training. It appears this portion of data collection will remain slow for a while.
- Dissemination – the project has submitted 3 abstracts to the Native People of North America HIV/AIDS Conference. Julie has confirmation that they have been received. One of Dr. Iralu's TB/HIV conference is coming up in November.
- Next week Bonnie will be giving best practices and intervention research training for 4CC and some other community partners.
- Study guide – have pre-test from 6 providers, one intention to participate, and will receive one post test from Dr. Iralu shortly.
- Nancy asked if two of the abstracts weren't related to SPNS, Julie said one of them is the CBPR abstract. The third abstract is not part of the SPNS.

**Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network**

*Project Update*

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**Data Collection Activities**

Outreach Contacts	unk	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	13	Clients referred substance abuse svcs	2
Health Surveys	42	Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	60	UDC In Drop In Center	46
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	54	Clients receiving Mental health svcs	unk	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	49
Number of new SPNS clients	0	Clients receiving dental svcs	8	Clients receiving medical svcs	15

**Other Data Collection Activities:**

**Dissemination Activities:**

- Continuing to work on abstracts/presentations for Anchorage

**Training Activities:**

- Attendance at HIV Prevention Leadership Summit by Outreach Worker & Director

**Outreach Activities:**

- Sacramento Pow Wow (42)
- Outreach Worker's been on vacation, but beginning to connect with more agencies instead of focusing on events, now that Pow Wow Season is coming to a close.

**HIV Program Services Activities:**

- Native American Center of Excellence: services to begin November 1, 2005.
- Joint memorial with NAAP for client who crossed over
- Meeting with Friendship House to begin offering rapid testing on site—due to begin in October
- HIV Qual audit results

**Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:**

## Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

### Other items to be discussed:

- HIV Counseling and Testing – Project had been averaging 15 – 20 tests a month and 30 tests during a busy month but conducted 60 tests last month. This is due to either funding cuts experienced by a number of agencies in the area or their being limited to working with very specific population. Have been getting non-native referrals to the program which it doesn't want to turn away. A lot of people turn out to be high risk who should know their status. Trying to look at it as a long term issue, might use rollover CDC funds to temporarily deal with it.
- Also looking at increasing rapid testing ability at Oakland site as well as Sacramento site.
- NAHC received funding as Native American Center on Excellence in San Francisco which will begin on Nov. 1. It will shift the services a bit and how they are coordinated. Will be subcontracting with the Native American AIDS Project who will supplementing mental health services offered by the project as well as offering peer advocacy for the agency. The agency will no longer offer peer advocacy and shift completely to the case management model. Will have a nurse case manager while peer advocate position will become substance abuse case management position. Part of the grant requires doing a better job of providing linkages to substance using clients.
- Plan to offer rapid testing at Friendship House which will begin in October which will impact the number of people getting tested the next few months.
- Responding to Glenn, Maritza said the project attended the Sacramento powwow, handed some surveys, passed out condoms, and gave information about HIV. They weren't many attendees but the project attended to provide support to a new clinic in Sacramento. The people accepted project giving out condoms.

### YK

- Carl is transitioning between positions and spends a lot less time at the hospital, and a lot more at the community center. His current role involves carrying out Andrea's responsibilities and do case management at the same time. Will normalize when Andrea's position is filled.
- Had conference call with Nancy last week to discuss an abstract based on focus groups conducted a year ago surrounding needs and attitudes regarding HIV for the

Alaska Conference. Also discussed Nancy coming over for site visit to look at dissemination purposes and write an article for the monograph. Suggested Nancy spending a day in Bethel.

### **ANTHC**

- Have Burt, the new behavioral health director at Norton Sound introduce himself. He replaces Charles Beck.
- Burt has had the position for two weeks.
- Moving forward with HIV testing. Have run 52 tests. Did an outreach program that generated several tests as well.
- Going to start an outreach program with one of the lab techs and behavioral health providers to go some persons living on the street that receive daily and weekly meals.
- Busy writing abstracts for the conference. Several have been written. Tracy is working on two others. One is directly related to SPNS. It is the behavioral health provider's experience in implementing \_\_\_\_\_ in clinical setting. A person from behavioral health and Burt are going to work on that so it can have an expedited review process. The other one has to do with dealing with end of life issues and HIV.
- The villages in Norton Sound are beginning to have village based \_\_\_\_ conferences. Later this month will go to a village to do village \_\_\_\_\_ group.
- Tracy will work with 4 or 5 Alaska Native behavioral health staff on AIDS 101 training. Will provided it to correctional officers and then the inmates.
- A new layer of administration at Norton Sound is part of the mentoring program. The piece extending risk assessment to outpatient services is now put on hold because the new staff was not brought up to speed so have to talk to new staff.
- Working on end of the year budget.
- Working on Title III SPNS report.
- Working on article for the monograph. Will have to go through NTHC approval process. Have provided Nancy with a hard copy of the report.
- Going to start the key informant interviews of the behavioral health staff and hope to finish them by the end of the month.
- Currently in the first stage of analyzing the focus group data on community readiness.

- One good news for this project is making the pre and post test counseling in behavioral health 3<sup>rd</sup> party available.
- Burt added that a quality assurance person for behavioral health will be added which will help getting data done on time.
- Responding to KG, Tracy said so far 52 tests have been conducted, does not include the most recent number. Don't have any positives yet.
- Were going to rapid testing but it has not taken off in Norton Sound. Will do a pilot next year in villages.
- Will discuss with Mark rapid testing in villages.
- Will coordinate with Nancy when she is in Alaska.

### ***HRSA Updates***

- No new updates.

Conference call ended at 12:50 pm