

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call  
September 13, 2004 at 12:00 pm CST**

**Participants:** *OU:* KG Anderson, Glenn Solomon, Marguerite Keesee, Lynda Williams, Tim Brittingham; *4CC:* Kevin Foley; *ANTHC:* Gloria Eldridge; *NAHC:* Maritza Penagos, Karen Saylor; *SPIPA:* Jutta Riediger, Donna Penn, Lisa Shipman, Samantha; *Robeson:* Dwayne Lowry, Robert Hunt; *HRSA:* Sarah Hargrove, Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan.

**Project Reports:**

**ANTHC**

- Currently working on two projects: 1) moving through the approval process to hire a person in Nome; 2) setting up training that will be eligible for APA credits for October which is a repeat training (that will be an update for those who trained in the Spring) as well as training for new hires
- Also will focus in on Ethics in HIV (confidentiality) the week of October 27.
- Statisticians are setting up an Access database for Risk Assessments from Norton Sound.
  - They will be using an updated version of the Risk Assessment form.
- Things are moving ahead. Tracy will return from her vacation next Friday.
- Glenn asked about a possible site visit for the first week in October (possibly in addition to one in January).
  - Gloria suggested that Glenn email Tracy about this.

# NAHC

## Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

### Project Update

Conference Call Date:

#### Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	45	Clients referred mental health svcs	1	Clients referred substance abuse svcs	1
Health Surveys	14	Clients receiving mental health svcs	10	Clients receiving substance abuse svcs	0
HIV + clients enrolled to date	41	Clients referred dental svcs		Clients referred medical svcs	
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	1	Clients receiving dental svcs	14	Clients receiving medical svcs	13

#### Other Data Collection Activities:

- Meeting with Dental director to discuss referral tracking. Form to be re-created to capture all places of origin.
- Meeting with FCGC Director, Medical Director, Director of HIV and Evaluator to discuss strategic planning for year
- 13 HIV CTR's performed; 2 referred from Friendship House
- Karen met with José Garcia, the HIV testing case manager, to discuss the HIV testing and tracking data, to streamline and clarify how numbers are being counted and to assure that definitions are consistent between departments.
- During the past two weeks, the Evaluation Department of FCGC has been collecting satisfaction surveys from Native Circle/SPNS client, as well as other FCGC clients, to assess how we are doing in providing mental health services to our clients.

#### Dissemination Activities:

- Meeting to discuss (among other items) medical dept. and FCGC collaboration on journal article.

#### Training Activities:

- HIV nurse case manager & peer advocate attend Healthpro training—medical and dental database
- Peer advocate attended 8/20 intermediate harm reduction and 8/30 medical complications of street drugs
- Director trained on how to run various reports on Reggie—the San Francisco database that captures demographic and trends analysis information on Ryan White funded clients
- Director attended 3 day CDC training on fundamentals of Oraquick/HIV Rapid testing

#### Outreach Activities:

- On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Karen took the new Substance abuse counselor/Peer Advocate to Friendship House Association of American Indians to introduce him to staff. The clinical director of the Friendship House gave

Clarence a tour and suggested the possibility of Clarence running a group at the Friendship House. This may be a future point of collaboration.

- On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the SPNS and Native Circle held a collaborative bar-be-que in Dolores park. This event was well attended. Staff from both projects coordinated the cooking and clients played games and visited with new staff, including Jay Ellis, the new RN-HIV case manager.

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

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Karen called Kevin Foley to discuss the article that he plans to write for the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs. Left a message, as he was out.

### **Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Karen had a conference call with Saleem and Glenn from the OU TA Center to discuss the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs. We discussed possibilities of structuring the sites' contributions, and Glenn is going to hold conference calls where each team can discuss their strengths and innovative cultural approaches, to begin brainstorming ideas for the Journal. Karen suggested that we try to have drafts of articles submitted by the end of January so that we can review and discuss them at the February meeting.

### **Other items to be discussed:**

None at present.

## **4CC**

- Good news—in collaboration with Navajo Nations, they received a CDC STD grant to address the syphilis epidemic.
  - NCI is a subcontractor
  - 1,000 people will be tested per year/ 3 years
  - This will enable them to keep 1 staff person from a grant that is ending, plus add 1 new staff person
  - UNM will be lending a phlebotomist
- Planning a retreat for 4CC.
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center
  - Problem solving, visioning and review of original projections
- 4CC is turning in quarterly reports for the Navajo Nation IRB.
  - Dr. Iraloo is to get approval for data to be presented in Flagstaff on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Should be receiving the HIV study guide soon
  - Will develop a protocol for implementation after receipt
  - Recruit HIV coordinators
- Looking at tracking software or mechanisms to track people from agency to agency to get services.

## **SPIPA**

- Scheduled events: Nisqually: Button Blanket event; Squaxin Island: Youth event on Tuesday evening.
- Donna met with the Interregional Drug and Alcohol Center. The Osage Native American who runs the needle exchange is willing to attend.
- All staff are to participate in Rapid Testing training.
- Karina will be training new staff on how to conduct surveys.
- Tim will forward an email regarding Donna's reimbursement that will need to be signed.

## **Yukon-Kuskokwim (not present for call)**

### **Robeson**

- Although Advisory training has been difficult, 5 pastors are participating.

### **HRSA Update:**

- Adan: The FSR and financial reports are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Documentation is needed so they can corroborate carryover funds. Let them know if help is needed.
- Sandi: Follow up from OU needed about emails sent last week
- Sarah: Nothing else to report. She will be in touch with projects

### **OU Update:**

- Marguerite had a question about the dead date for abstracts. Maritza will check with Karen and get back with her

Call ended @ 12:35pm CST