

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call  
November 3, 2003 at 12:00 pm CST**

**Participants:** OU: Betty Duran, Marguerite Keese, Tim Brittingham, Lynda Williams, Gregg Fryday, – YK: No Representative – 4CC: Kevin Foley, Julie Lucero, Rebeccah Rodriguez – ANTHC: Tracy Speier, Gloria Eldridge, Joan Domnick – NAHC: Parousha Zand, Myra Smith – SPIPA: No Representative – Robeson: Millard Lowry, Margaret Opitz, Jo Lentz – HRSA: Sandi Duggan, Adan Cajina

**Project Reports:**

***South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency:***

- No Representative was available for this call.

***Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation:***

- No representative was available for this call

***Robeson Health Care Corporation:*** (Jo Lentz)

- Pastoral Trainings are scheduled for November 8 and 15. There have been 31 enrolled for the trainings.
- Attended the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association annual meeting. Several key note speeches were given regarding HIV and/or substance abuse.
- Millard discussed major shifts in the local faith communities reflecting support for the program and its message.
- Millard will attend a faith based conference sponsored by the North Carolina Health Department on November 5 and 6 in Greensboro.
- Millard will present at a Native American senior citizen conference on November 7.
- The Healing Lodge had an information both at the Lumbee Pow Wow October 31- November 1.
- Millard has been ask to join the advisory board for an AIDS research team from Chapel Hill University. He will meet with them on November 20<sup>th</sup> and present an overview of the healing Lodge.
- Data TA has been postponed till the spring visit so as many people as possible can attend the training.
- Tim and Millard discussed the Spirituality Survey on the call. The new for is online for the sites review. Tim and Millard will discuss the form later today.

***Native American Health Center:*** (Parousha Zand)

- 5 new intakes done since our grantee meeting. Total of 33 HIV positive clients enrolled in study. QOLs for 3 month follow ups continuing. 16 follow ups completed so far.
- Testing referrals continue with Friendship House.
- Meeting set up with key people from Friendship House and NAHC to develop policy on interagency referrals.
- Received additional funding for dental program and substance abuse services through Title III.
- Site visit scheduled for this week November 6.
- Treatment Advocate being honored this week as KQED local hero for her work at the agency and in the community.
- Still waiting for Dr. Huba's medical instrument. Betty will follow up on this.

***Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium:*** (Tracy Speier)

- Met with the community providers in Nome. The Intervention will be housed at the Norton Sound Corporation's Behavioral Health Division. A meeting is scheduled for this month to finalize the tools.
- The IRB will be submitted tomorrow.
- The training outline for the behavioral health workers has been developed.

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

- The new data collectors and training will be conducted with four health educators on Friday, November 7.
- Bonny is reviewing the Physician HIV Self Study Guide. Staff will be reviewing this at Thursday's meeting.
- Discussion was held as to the scheduling of the Barriers Interview. Possible dates are December 10 or December 8. Julie will consult with the staff and contact the center with a date. The evaluation will email a pdf version of the consent form to potential participants.
- Progress made on the MOU between NAN and Dr. Iralu and Amy Peng's clinic.
- The change in the consent form from \$10 to \$20 (NCI)
- the progress report and revision of consent form for UNM
- Dr. Heirloo conducted a Providers Infectious Disease Conference in Colorado on November 28 and 29. Pricilla, Randal and several NAN workers were able to attend.
- Data Collection
  - 41 cases have been collected from NAN

### **HRSA Updates:**

- Sandy announced that this is National American Indian and Alaskan Native Alaskan Heritage Month, which has provided the HRSA staff with many opportunities to discuss the project with representative both within and outside the bureau.

### **Evaluation Center:**

- The center will be e-mailing out the consent form for the Barriers Interview this week. Sites that need to fax signed forms in will be contacted separately. For all others, no response is necessary.
- The University of Oklahoma will be closed for the holidays from December 22-January 5. Betty and David will be accessible by E-mail.