

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call
Monday, November 6, 2006 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Scott Prinz, Doreen Lacy, Carol Piscoya, Gloria Eldridge
4CC	Kevin Foley
YK	Carl Evans
NC	Bruce Swett, Peggy Opitz, Trish Carter
HRSA	Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

Project Updates:

SPIPA

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care

Project Update

Conference Call Date: 11/06/06

Data Collection Activities

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/8 N/2	S/105 N/81
Group Outreach Contacts	S/12 N/26	S/746 N /1704
Community Survey	S/25 N/31	S/100 N/91
HIV+ clients enrolled to date		

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
HIV counseling & testing	S/3 N/2	S/50 N/73
Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)		3

3 patients currently in the referral system

Planning Activities

Shoalwater Bay: Setting up Focus Group, planning to attend Harm Reduction Conference on scholarship, setting up monthly testing days at Clinic

Nisqually: Worked on setting dates with substance abuse group. Also setting up monthly testing days with the medical staff.

Other Data Collection Activities:

Data Collection is completed at Shoalwater Bay, nine more to go at Nisqually. The Focus Group at Nisqually had 26 participants with great feedback. Shoalwater Bay’s Focus Group had to be rescheduled to due to inclement weather.

Dissemination Activities:

Nisqually entered an article about Rapid Testing in the Tribal Newspaper.

Training Activities:

Had two staff meetings to discuss grant mandatory grant activities and outreach events.

Outreach Activities:

Shoalwater Bay: Met with Clinic staff to discuss Rapid Testing and special testing days.
Nisqually: Held successful focus group meeting on 10/30/06.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Other items to be discussed:

Jutta stated there are some barriers to setting up substance abuse groups. The Shoalwater Bay substance abuse group is not letting the tribal staff attend because that person is part of the community and they are concerned about confidentiality issues. Jutta will go there on monthly basis instead to conduct these groups.

Responding to Saleem about testing, Jutta said testing has started at Nisqually but not yet at Shoalwater Bay. Jutta will be training staff to do that.

YK

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Circle of Care

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Data Collection Activities

HIV QuickTest and Counseling/Circle of Care	5
Community survey/Outreach Participants	35
HIV QuickTest Hospital Inhouse	112

Number of healthcare workers trained	11
Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
HIV + clients enrolled to date	

Other Data Collection Activities:

Survey handed out after HIV 101 presentation at halfway house...a high risk clientele. 81% felt it was more important to be tested after hearing presentation. 96% felt people with at least one risk factor should be tested. 100% felt that there should be a bigger push to get people tested. 96% felt that the HIV 20-minute rapid test should be available in the sub-regional clinics.

Dissemination Activities:

Mark presented at AEA conference in Portland

Training Activities:

Working with Health Aid Training Instructor on curriculum for 2nd session Community Health Aids

Outreach Activities:

Presented HIV 101 and talked about testing with 35 residents of the Delta's halfway house...for individuals that have been released from prison and who have one or more risk factors for exposure to HIV

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

Mark has been in contact with Gloria from ANTHC

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

Phone consult with Glenn and email communication with Nancy.

Other items to be discussed:

Halfway house is where people in Delta region go to after incarceration and consists of high risk group of people. 35 people participated in the survey.

Carl will be going to a subregional clinic at the first of next month. There are four subregionals. There haven't been testing there except through public health. Carl will be

training the lab people, and do pre and post test counseling with the providers, and risk reduction/risk assessment counseling with the health aides.

There has been 260% increase in testing this year compared to the same time last year.

Mark is working with Gloria at ANTHC on a collaborative paper.

Nancy has been working on formatting the monograph article being submitted to a journal.

Carl will be speaking to the health aides today. They work at the villages and are at the front line of talking about risk and risk assessment.

Saleem suggested since Carl works with and trains community health aides, he should go ahead and add the number people that he has worked with.

North Carolina

Native American

SPNS Project Update

Fiscal year to date (YTD) beginning July 01, 2006

October 01, 2006-October 31, 2006

November 6, 2006

Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	5
Informed Consent	12
Risky Behaviors	5
Service Need Level Assessment Table	5
Referrals out to Other Agencies	3
Already Connected To Care	7
Testing Only No Services Requested	2
HIV Testing OraSure	12

HIV Testing
OraQuick Advance

0

Post Test Counseling Completed	4
Post Test Counseling Pending	13
HIV Test Results Pending	11
SPNS Clients Enrolled This Period	12
SPNS Clients Enrolled YTD	27
HIV+ Clients Enrolled This Period	0
HIV+ Clients Enrolled YTD	4
SPNS Clients Enrolled Since Inception	00
HIV+ Clients Enrolled Since Inception	00

Spiritual Connections:

- The Spiritual Connections Project partnered with Purnell Swett High School in a Youth Rally as a Halloween alternative. There were 300 students in attendance.
- Melanie Locklear met with the SC Lay Health Cab counsel.
- Bruce Swett has had two youth counsel planning meetings for the preparation of the upcoming Youth Rally (new year's alternative) that is scheduled for December 29th.

Other Data Collection Activities:

- 10/18/06 Collaborated with STD Outreach Worker at Offender Resource Center in Lumberton, NC. 7 HIV Tested. Have not received results.
- 10/28/06 Collaborated with RC Health Department at Union Chapel Community Building for *Make A Difference Day*. 7 Blood draws and 2 OraSure.

Dissemination Activities:

- Total of fifty brochures were handed out during the Outreach /Health Screens.
- BHCS addressed 29 students and professor at University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNC-P). Updated on SPNS program. One volunteer working at Healing Lodge 40 hours. Thirty HL and HIV/AIDS brochures were distributed.

Outreach Activities:

- 10/03/06 PLWA support group at the Healing Lodge.

Comments:

Nancy Sonleitner has had two conference calls with Ottis Murry and Bruce Swett to begin formulating the article on the Use of Media to Raise Awareness, and Educate: the case of the Healing Lodge HIV/AIDS initiative. I met with the evaluations Peggy Optiz and Ottis Murry to develop the action plan for this fiscal year.

Attended the Robeson County HIV/AIDS and SE Task Force Meeting at the RCHD.
Dr. Glenn Solomon made a site visit to the Healing Lodge on Oct 25th and 26th.

Staff Training:

Trisha Carter and Bruce Swett attended the three day Bridging Theory and Practice / HIV/STD Interventions training in Durham, NC this training was sponsored by sponsored by NC CDC Branch and the Atlanta, GA / CDC branch.

Bruce presented the data collection activities and number of clients enrolled since July.

Peggy said they are working on several articles. They are doing literature reviews for the article.

ANTHC

Scott introduced Doreen Lacy who is the new SPNS staff. The project is in the process of completing past tasks, and is focused on working on completing the data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

Gloria said she and Mark has met several times to work on a major paper that combines YK and ANTHC data, looking at two regions of Alaska.

Carol said they are still recruiting for HIV prevention coordinator for Nome. They have received another part time position grant and they are looking at combining it with part time SPNS position to generate one full time position.

Saleem welcomed Doreen. Doreen introduced herself and gave her contact information. She originally from Hooper Bay Alaska. She has a Masters degree in Community Psychology. Sandi welcomed her to the Initiative as did Carol.

4CC

Kevin stated that TB/HIV conference took place on Oct 23-24 in Flagstaff. Some of the project staff attended and had a presentation.

Last week Sherrick presented the project data at the Navajo Studies Conference at UNM at Albuquerque. NAN presented at Las Vegas at the conference of nurses who provide HIV care.

Project is collecting data till the end of the year. NCI is still collecting pre and post tests. The project is using OraSure test kit which has enhanced its procedure for timeline for having the person doing the post-test. They had to wait until the blood test came back from the lab but now they wait just one week to do the post test to see if persons retained the information presented to them in the HIV 101 group and individual sessions. The project has 100 test kits which it has to use by the end of this month.

Therefore, Priscilla is working hard on that. She just emailed Kevin the quarterly report. He will complete the report and then send it to OU. The project is also collecting viral load and CD 4 count chart extraction data from Dr. Iralu. Last month they had a baseline of 24 people. Now the project is looking at having chart extraction data for 40 people who are in NAN case management as well as in primary care with Dr. Iralu. The project will compare viral load and CD4 count with the information from the health surveys on whether people using traditional medicines see an effect and compare it with substance abuse information from the health survey to see if that is having an effect on people's CD4 and viral load counts.

4CC is working with NAHC on a collaborative paper. Maritza said they hit some glitches about hiring Bonnie's statistician but she has hired an evaluator.

Kevin reported that over 300 people have completed pre and post tests at NCI. They have also finished collecting data on CBPR which has been analyzed. Sherrick is working on a draft article. It will be turned into an article for Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services. An updated version will be submitted to the Journal of the Programs in Community Health Partnership, Research, Education, and Action.

The project is looking at doing a policy brief on recommendations for Navajo Area IHS which will include CDC's latest recommendation that people going into surgery, diabetics, and so forth get tested for HIV. They are getting a lot of recommendations from Dr. Iralu. They could submit the policy brief to the Navajo Area Health Board, the Gallup Indian Medical Center Health Board, and the Navajo Nation Health and Social Services Committee so the tribe can work together with IHS to implement AIDS testing and screening at all their facilities across the Navajo Nation.

NAHC

Native American Health Center: Holistic Native Network

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Data Collection Activities

Outreach Contacts	unk
Health Surveys	unk
SPNS Clients Cumulative total	55

Other Data Collection Activities:	Number of new SPNS clients	0	Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House	3	Clients receiving substance abuse services	15
			Total Persons receiving HIV CTR	34	UDC visiting drop in Center	33
			Clients receiving Mental health svcs NAAP	5	Clients receiving HIV Program Services	16
			Clients receiving dental svcs	5	Clients receiving medical svcs	27

⌘ Data from county demographics accessed to do comparison with SPNS clients. Includes treatment adherence outcomes as related to housing, substance use and mental health issues. We will attempt to write a comparison paper for dissemination.

Dissemination Activities:

⌘ Evaluator hired. Will help with IRB process, analysis of QOL data, case study and final report.

Training Activities:

⌘ None this past month

Outreach Activities:

⌘ Weekly outreach continues
 ⌘ 2nd Annual Native American Cultural Event at city hall—symposium with the mayor included a multi-agency request for a Native cultural center in San Francisco

HIV Program Services Activities:

⌘ Pilot testing program began last week. Technical assistance provided by state.

Contact with other AI/AN SPNS Grantees:

⌘ Creation of questions for case study
 ⌘ Questions about IRB process

Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA

⌘ Conditions of Award completed and sent in

Other items to be discussed:

Maritza is looking at conferences to submit abstract to. She has one abstract which was accepted for the methamphetamine conference at Salt Lake City in February, 2007. She might submit it to Social Work and AIDS conference in Albuquerque in May.

HIV program services – the project started its pilot testing program last week where people fill out a survey to determine whether they are high or low risk. If they are low

risk, then they are given a much shorter risk assessment and will be given what amounts to HIV 101 education which will be a 5 – 10 minute talk along with a brochure. The high risk clients will receive full risk assessment. This is to be more efficient and looking at new CDC guidelines on universal testing.

The project is also looking at the guidelines as how to implement routine testing at the medical clinic.

Saleem asked if the new testing guidelines apply to the dental clinic? Maritza said no, they are for routine medical appointment. It does have an impact on how the project will be doing rapid testing, what takes place off-site, how to pay for it if everybody is coming for routine blood draw and other issues.

Responding to Carl about percentage of high risk as opposed to low risk people, Maritza said about 25% - 27% of the people tested last year were high risk. It may be a bit higher than that. They get people who have gone to other sites and told that they cant get tested because they don't fit the behavioral risk served by that agency, and when the project takes them on, they turned out to be high risk because they don't want to disclose their high risk status over the phone or right away. The project goes back and forth on how to assess someone as high risk at a short-term moment compares to what comes out during a longer risk reduction assessment.

HRSA Updates

No new updates. HRSA is planning the final meeting and looking at individual project's progress, and thinking about highlighting which projects during the next round of Cyber SPNS, a newsletter at HRSA HAB. Kevin requested a copy. Sandi said she will send it to Saleem who will send it to the grantees. This will be the second edition.

OU Updates

Saleem talked about the call for papers by Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services. The deadline to submit paper is now in March (March 15, 2007). This allows projects to have time to analyze data and prepare an article that could be submitted to the journal.

The conference call ended at 12:40 pm