

HRSA SPNS US/Mexico Border Grantee Conference Call Monday, November 08, 2004 @ 10:30 am

Participants:

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OU Updates:

Good responses from sites regarding data cleaning which is on time. Some project may submit their data in bulk. Progress is good on medical chart extraction. It looks good for getting multi site data in by Dec 31/04, and medical outcome data by Feb/March. The med chart data extraction will be completed in January.

Proposed concluding all grantee project calls in December since the focus will be shifting to dissemination calls. All projects agreed.

Over two hundred med chart extractions were completed in little over a week in El Paso

The dissemination committee conference call notes are posted on the author's link

Project Updates

San Ysidro

Mari – Individual clinics are doing a good job of handling on their own to obtain potential legal advice. Met with Lois Eldred at a grantee meeting (SPNS prevention for positives) and HRSA is probably going to let it go. The focus is now on dissemination.

Alisa – A change in chart review schedule. Consultants are going to review charts at San Ysidro hospital only next week. Will wait until January to complete chart extractions

at five other sites. Also continue to work on compiling the responses on “inferred presenting issues” on Module A with Module B. Continue to work on making sure that the project has the correct HIV diagnosis date. Happy to report there aren’t many. Able to compare the dates on Module A with the dates listed on local forms (Treatment Adherence Form) which also asks for diagnosis date. Did find some discrepancies between the two dates. Did notice that from medical side, when talking to nurses and medical assistant, that the date listed on medical records for diagnosis is sometimes different than the date listed in the case management files. Will be looking into it more.

Rosana - Bi-National conference is in Tijuana this Friday. Many representatives are from the Mexican side of the border, mainly doctors. It is open to the public and free of charge, and will be attended by representatives from the federal level. Planning a presentation to representatives from local foundations. These are private funding organizations interested in cross-border infectious diseases. The presentation is on Thursday. Project has received a grant in collaboration with National Council of La Raza, La Fe, and Southeast Mississippi Rural Initiative. The purpose of the Latino Families HIV/AIDS Prevention Project is to eliminate factors that serve as barriers to Latinos accessing HIV prevention, education, HIV testing, and early treatment related services through utilization of peer educational outreach, educational material, airings of public service announcements. Goals include to reproduce NCLR brochures, enhance outreach from currently a part time outreach worker to potentially ten outreach workers. It is a 3 – 5 year Office of Minority Health grant.

New Mexico

Programmatic

Outreach

Veronica - Thank you letters were sent out last week to partnering sites where HIV testing will terminate as of December 31, 2004. The letters point out that anonymous HIV testing would continue to be provided through outreach on a limited basis and on a walk-in basis at Camino de Vida.

Client Educational Series

Our first Spanish Client Educational Series conducted on October 25th held in Sunland Park, NM was a success. Total attendance was 35, which included clients, CdV staff, and international students. The students are sent to El Paso from their home countries to study health issues with an emphasis on HIV. “Improving Adherence” was the topic presented by Dr. Meza.

On November 8th another Client Educational Series is scheduled in Silver City, NM. Dr. Jamie Anaya will be presenting on “Drug Interactions” – the same topic presented in Alamogordo in September of this year.

Provider Education

The Southern New Mexico HIV Clinical Forum will be held this Friday, November 12 here in Las Cruces. As mentioned last month, this all-day forum will provide clinicians and case managers with practical information regarding the accepted standards of medical care for treating those living with HIV/AIDS along the New Mexico/Mexico border region. The forum collaborators include the NMAETC, Southern Area Health Education Center, Abbott Pharmaceuticals, and La Fe Care Center.

Agency Update

Camino de Vida has been awarded a three-year grant from the Office of Minority Health for a bilingual/bicultural HIV demonstration project. It will sustain two of the four SPNS goals which are Client Education and Provider Education.

Medical chart reviews conducted October 18th through 21st were a success. Thank you letters were mailed to all of our partner sites thanking them for their cooperation in making this final round a success. Thank you to Tim and OU.

Evaluation

Michelle - We received notice that the NMSU IRB approved the procedure where OU processes our local data. We forwarded copies of the approval letters to OU and HRSA. Given the short time remaining to collect data, we've decided to go ahead and enter the data locally. The two week turn around was also a consideration. Because we put outreach data entry on hold in August, we have quite a bit to enter to get caught up. Cheryl and Yvonne will be focusing on this in the next few weeks.

Yvonne has been busy wrapping up the medical chart reviews and preparing for the all day forum.

She and Cheryl, our new G.A., have also been entering the multi-site data via Teleform to OU. Yvonne is now focusing solely on the time series.

The coding of the qualitative data for the late entry study continues and we are finalizing the provider follow-up and Health Outreach Worker papers.

CdV is preparing to send out their annual client satisfaction survey. It has been interesting to see the process whereby the CQI efforts, the Client Level Data Demonstration Project, and SPNS have been integrated. This is a good example of how federal funds can be used to build the capacity of community based organizations in incorporating evaluation.

El Paso

America – had the border summit in October, attended by Dr. Duke and other federal representatives who also did a tour of CARE, and Le Fe. Was able to talk to Dr. Duke directly about SPNS, border issues, and the five projects. Presented with John Wiebe

at the border summit on SPNS on the project and the model of care. On Oct 16, had an HIV clinical update, and a prevention with positive on Saturday. Did a play on the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on Oct 15, written and produced by Armando Soto from La Fe which was very well received.

City of El Paso will be expanding the center by 3600 square fit. Currently, it is in design phase. Construction will begin on September 1, 2005, expanding from 2 to 6 examination rooms, from 1 to 3 or 4 drawing stations. Hopefully it will help with the increase in clients. The project's average enrollment is 8 patients a month. They are coming from the hospitals, and outreach testing with the van. CDC outreach grant ended on September 30th. The outreach with the van is down from 3 or 4 nights to 2 nights a week. Did identify a person in October. Excited about the OMH grant to continue the work next 3 – 5 years. America asked if anyone knew about a meeting from Dec 1 – 3 in Dallas with Dr. Duke. Adan said it is by invitation only. The topic is moving forward together on the border. One of the border grantees will be selected.

Rosana said her project had also been averaging 8 patients a month and had 13 patients in October.

Arizona

Trainings:

On October 14th Dr. Carmichael saw 8 patients with Dr. Avina in Bisbee and telephone consultation to Dr. Avina on 10/15 and 10/16. Then on October 21st Dr. Carmichael and the 3C traveled to Mariposa Community Health Center and saw 7 patients. On the 27th of October Dr. Carmichael spoke to Dr. Speakman of Indian Health Services (IHS) regarding patient care.

AZ AIDS ETC

May 6-7, 2005 AZ AETC, UCLA AETC, CA HIV/STD Prevention Training Center and the Francis J. Curry TB Center will sponsor a border conference in Rio Rico, AZ on Women and Children and AIDS. AZ AETC will provide more information as it becomes available.

Project Collaborator Meeting

Next meeting of the project collaborators is scheduled for November 19th in Tucson.

Out Reach Activities:

Multi-site data collection will cease as of December 31, 2004. MAI outreach activities shall continue through June 30, 2005.

Yuma – Educational activities by YCHD, Puentes de Amistad and Campesinos Sin Fronteras in the border communities of Somerton, San Luis and Wellton, AZ. MSM, Latina Women, IDUs and their sexual partners are targeted for educational activities. Educational outreach in Yuma County occurs in agricultural fields, correctional facilities, bars, Marine base, and the college campus. YCHD plans to continue house parties as a way to reach women in Yuma County.

Santa Cruz – Mariposa Health Center staff from Platicamos Salud continue their counseling and testing outreach in the communities of Nogales, Rio Rico and Patagonia, AZ. Outreach targets MSM, IDUs, sexual partners and Latina women. Platicamos Salud staff continues to provide educational presentations to local agencies and providers. The HIV Positive support group provided by Mariposa Community Health Center/Platicamos Salud will be offered to HIV+ patients in Santa Cruz County.

Cochise – The Cochise County Health Department and Chiricahua Community Health Center jointly conduct outreach in Bisbee, Douglas and Sierra Vista on HIV counseling and testing and education. CCHD promotoras (funded by ADHS) target MSM, IDU, sexual partners of IDUs, and Latina women to provide health service information. CCHD case managers Brian Ortel and Maria Harris will work with ABHAC enrolled patients to ensure the continuation of medical care and supportive services.

Dissemination Activities:

Tony Estrada (Chair) of the Multi-site Dissemination Committee convened meeting on October 26th and scheduled next meeting of the committee for December 7, 2004.

Project Enrollment:

Patient enrollment closed multi-site data will be collected and submitted through December 31, 2004.

Local Evaluation:

Local data will be collected through March 31, 2005.

The OU medical record extraction (FY05) for outliers to may be scheduled for January 2005.

Announcement:

None

Barbara – Hopkins 2004 HIV report has an article on HIV super-infection and co-infections. Oct 1 Vol 37 of Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome has articles on HIV infection and prevention. Will email it to Tim and will be send to all the grantees. The call for Abstracts by the 2005 National HIV Prevention Conference is available at <http://www.2005hivprevconf.org/>.

Valley AIDS Council

Lucia

Physician Precepting:

Scheduled for United Medical Centers in Eagle Pass, Texas on December 5, 2004.

Medical Chart Reviews:

Conducted Medical Chart Reviews from October 25-30, 2004 at Valley AIDS Council.

Data Clean Up:

Conference call with UTHSCSA on October 27, 2004.

- (VAC) Carol Ybarra
- (UTHSCSA) Ann Price, Lucia Bustamante, Yolanda Cantu, Dale Schweers

Dissemination:

Brownsville/McAllen HSDA (Public Forum)

- Ryan White Title II – Priorities and Allocations

South Texas HIV Planning Assembly

- David Garcia (Bexar County)

Qualitative Interviews:

On-going work scheduling patients for UTHSCSA qualitative interviews.

Mexican Physician Study:

On-going work for border study with Mexican physician experiences in providing care to HIV positive persons along the Texas-Mexico border.

Timeline: September 2004- June 2005.

Adherence Study:

- On-going data entry.

Monograph:

- On-going progress on monograph due to OU.

Project Juntos Local Evaluation Activities Report

PROJECT DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

As of November 3, 2004, unduplicated records in the Local Evaluation database were 284 and 489 forms entered for Module 1.

A total of forms 2,783 have been entered into the National multi site database as of 11/3/04. The following table summarizes this data: 284 unduplicated records in the National Database.

Module	Start Date	Totals Reported July 20, 2004					New Activity Since last Report					Totals to Date				
A - Demographic	030101	284					0					284				
B- Lifestyle	030101	281					0					281				
C- Change	030103	91					1					92				
D- Risk Factor	070101	Time					Time					Time				
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E – Quality of Life	070101	Time					Time					Time				
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F- Barriers to Care	110101	264					0					264				
G -Client Satisfaction	070101	Time					Time					Time				
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1 One entry did not have a time sequence																
2 Six entries did not have a time sequence																

CRITICAL INCIDENTS: None

OTHER EVALUATION ACTIVITIES:

Ongoing data clean-up and analysis

We have completed Module A clean-up. Will be completing the clean-up on Module B today or tomorrow.

Will submit Module A and B changes to OU by the end of this week.

Clean up on Module D and E will start this week.

Mexican Physician Study

IRB has been submitted. There were some clarification questions that we responded to last week.

We are developing the contact list so we can initiate contact as soon as IRB is approved. We had 4 contact forms from the conference in So. Padre. Eagle Pass is also composing a list and we will be contacting Dr. Garcia to request his assistance in composing a list from the valley.

We have spoken to two individuals to assist with the interviews and translation.

Ongoing activity on several dissemination papers: data analysis, literature search, reviews, and writing.

Policy paper/white paper

Local manuscript/article

Multi site paper

HRSA Updates

No HRSA Updates

Additional

The conference call static interference problem is being investigated.

It seems like the original deadline for the monograph (Nov 15) will not be met. Herman asked those who have not submitted, to submit soon. Adan reiterated the necessity to adhere to deadlines.

Next project call is on December 13.

Dissemination committee conference call is on December 7, using the same phone number and passcode.

Two manuscripts have been submitted to the special issue of the Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services.

The call concluded at 11:15 am