

**HRSA SPNS HIV/AIDS AI/AN Project Conference Call  
Monday, December 5, 2005 @ Noon CST**

Participants	
SPIPA	Jutta Riediger, Debbie Gardipee
NAHC	Maritza Penagos
ANTHC	Gloria Eldridge, Sherry Trigg
4CC	Kevin Foley, Bonita Baxter, Sherrick Roanhorse
YK	
NC	Bruce Swett, Robert Hunt, Trish Carter
HRSA	Adan Cajina, Sandi Duggan
OU	Glenn Solomon, K G Anderson, Nancy Sonleitner, Ahmad Saleem

**Project Updates**

**NAHC**

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

*Project Update*

Conference Call Date: **December 5, 2005**

**Data Collection Activities**

Outreach Contacts		Persons Referred for HIV CTR from F/House		Clients referred substance abuse svcs	
Health Surveys		Total Persons receiving HIV CTR		UDC In Drop In Center	
SPNS Clients Cumulative total		Clients receiving Mental health svcs		Clients receiving HIV Program Services	
Number of new SPNS clients		Clients receiving dental svcs		Clients receiving medical svcs	

**Other Data Collection Activities:**

- We're revamping our intake process—should be completed by January 06. We're moving towards an acuity level assessment to prioritize client's needs better and be able to collect data more easily.

**Dissemination Activities:**

- Press Release Party went well

**Training Activities:**

- Outreach Worker attended Wellness Conference in Tucson

**Outreach Activities:**

- Thanksgiving luncheon: collaboration with NAAP
- Outreach worker has been going on a mobile outreach van 1 day a week
- Outreach worker attended Pow Wow this past weekend in Oakland and tabled for 4 hours

**HIV Program Services Activities:**

- World AIDS Day event: drumming, prayer, poetry & talking circle; followed by art projects: leather AIDS ribbons and art tiles. Over 30 attendees.

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

**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

- Maritza had conference call with Saleem & Nancy to organize service utilization paper for monograph.

**Other items to be discussed:**

- Too early in the month to have the data collection numbers compiled for November. Will have it for the individual conference call.
- Will send pictures taken at the press release party to Glenn.
- Outreach worker went to wellness conference in Tucson. Has been working on outreach activities. Expect to start rapid testing on the mobile outreach van in next a month or two.
- Responding to Adan, Maritza said the press release was about the journal. It was put together by Karen's department that provided opportunity to talk about the journal and the articles with the community members attending the event. A client gave a presentation.

**SPIPA**

**South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency: Expanding the Circle of Care**

*Project Update*

Conference Call Date: 12/05/05

**Data Collection Activities**

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Individual Outreach Contacts	S/3 N/2	S/34 N/49	HIV counseling & testing	S/2 N/2	S/? N/43
Group Outreach Contacts	S/16 N/36	S/356 N 670	Referral to HIV primary care	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
Community Survey	S/11 N/4	S/23 N/21	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0
HIV+ clients enrolled to date	S/0 N/0	S/0 N/0			

**Please note:**

**Due to inclement weather, the Shoalwater Bay staff was not able to send in her report.**

**Planning Activities**

**Nisqually** is planning HIV update sessions with the Nisqually on January 13 and a Focus Group on December 19. The HIV/AIDS Advocate is working with the Tribal Clinic to hold an HIV Testing Day. **Shoalwater Bay** was unable to report in.

**Other Data Collection Activities:**

Both Nisqually and Shoalwater Bay Tribes are conducting surveys at local events and health fairs.

**Dissemination Activities:**

**SPIPA** presented an information session at the Evergreen State College for 85 students in the Native American Studies Program. The **SPIPA Board** received an update on the SPNS grant (Jutta) and a presentation on the SPNS data (Karina). They also received the article for review. Tribal HIV/AIDS Advocated were recognized for their good work during this meeting. Board members have been asked to review, edit, and approve the article by the next Board meeting on December 16.

**Training Activities:**

**SPIPA** staff will participate in a three day Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Conference on Partner Notification, Counseling, and Referral. **Nisqually** staff will participate in an STD Training for Non-Clinicians. **SPIPA** and **Shoalwater Bay** staff participated in a two day DOH conference on HIV and Hepatitis C.

**Outreach Activities:**

**Nisqually** – Held a luncheon and Talking Circle in honor of World AIDS Day  
**Shoalwater Bay** offered an information booth and offered HIV testing on World AIDS Day.  
**SPIPA** participated in a local AIDS Vigil

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

**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

**Other items to be discussed:**

- Responding to Glenn, Jutta said staff will attend the Partner Notification Training beginning tomorrow. It will be very helpful because the state is making changes to some of its laws.
- Carmen will not be attending the Grantee Meeting. Debbie Gardipee will attend with Jutta. Saleem will contact the hotel to get the right rates because reservation was made at a higher rate than that had been agreed with the hotel.

## Healing Lodge

### Native American Interfaith Ministries: The Healing Lodge

#### Project Update

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#### Data Collection Activities: *Client*

Demographics	4	Risk Behaviors	4
Spirituality	4	Self Value	4
Belief & Behavior	4	Client Satisfaction	4
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	4	Testing/Counseling	4
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	4	HIV+ clients enrolled to date	4

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

Demographics	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (pre)	
Spirituality	0	Pastor/Lay Care Inventory (post)	
Attitude & Knowledge (pre)	0	Number of new HIV+ clients (as a result of SPNS)	
Attitude & Knowledge (post)	0	HIV + clients enrolled to date	

#### Spiritual Connection Activities:

Help our first Lay Health Advisor Counsel Cab meeting. The meeting was very productive with 10 in attendance. Have scheduled a Lay Health Advisor Training and dinner for Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Have finished and disseminating the Spiritual Connections recruiting information letter to churches. Met with Peggy Opitz and Ottis Murray to discuss the development of instrument for Lay Advisors. Ottis email Dr. Solomon to get some clarity for development. I spoke at the Lumber River Methodist Holiness Annual Conference meeting.

#### Dissemination Activities:

- I spoke at the Robeson County Retired School Teacher Association monthly meeting. The topic was on HIV / AID and other disparities that are affecting Native American.
- I spoke at the Parkton Presbyterian Church about the services that the Healing Lodge provides.
- Attended the Dogwood concertina meeting in Cumberland County.
- Attended the Office Minority Health Council meeting in New Burn NC.
- Set up a booth at Block Part that was help at Seven Ten Dray Strip, the event was hosted by Elrod. Baptist church. The attendance was approximately 350. There was 50 brochures and other material that was distributed.
- Attended the SPNS Task Force Meeting that was hosted by Robeson County Health Department.
- Staff set up information booth at the Lumber River Methodist Annual Conference. We distributed 90 brochures and other materials.
- Attended the North Carolina Conference on Homelessness Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and 30th

**Faith Based Training Activities:**

- Zion Hill Baptist Church has agreed to host our next Spiritual Connection Training in January 2006

**Outreach Activities:**

- Office testing 4 HIV & Syphilis, 2 OraSure and 2 blood

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

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**Contact with OU TA Center/HRSA**

Two contacts

**Other items to be discussed:**

- Have a training scheduled for January.
- Office of Minority Health Council Meeting – discussed disparity, delivery of services, and needs in the region.
- The project had a news release last week dealing with Healing Lodge and HIV/AIDS issues, and Spiritual Connections. It can be revised and developed into an article. Sent to three newspapers (weekly and biweekly). Can send Lay of Health Advisory meeting notes as well as copy of news release to OU. Saleem said it perhaps can be developed into an article. Glenn said OU can send the news release to national native newspapers.

- NAAPC is coming to Healing Lodge on Dec 15 to conduct an organizational assessment.

## **ANTHC**

- Gloria introduced Sherry, the new project coordinator for ANTHC.
- Sherry reported going to Nome on Friday which was very helpful. Got to see how the project is coming along. Sherry provided her email address. Phone number will remain the same as Tracy's number for the project.
- Gloria reported 85 tests have been completed. All have been negative. Tested seems to be firmly embedded now in Norton Sound Health Corporation since billing has been worked out. Title III analysis and report is almost complete. Will be meeting with the Title III people on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Moving ahead with analysis of village focus group. Gloria is working on interviews on embedding testing in the corporation. Will do a training with 15 village based counselors on Wednesday in Nome.
- Glenn told Sherry that OU will send her what the TA Center does. Nancy & Saleem are available for assistance on publications. Glenn will be coming for a site visit in February at YK and perhaps they can meet then. Sherry will not be attending Grantee meeting in DC.

## **4CC**

- Kevin reported 4CC just had 3 days of Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. It appears the rehabilitation facility will be accredited for the first time ever. There were also World AIDS Day activities on Dec 1. 4CC will meet on Thursday and Kevin will get a report on the activities. There may be also news articles or press releases about that which will be forwarded to everybody. Planning yearly New Year's Eve sobriety pow wow and gourd dance. Will have a table set up there for HIV screening and prevention education as well as other activities. NAN has hired a new case worker. NAN and UNM will have a planning meeting for the retreat which will take place with HIV positive people where UNM will conduct focus groups. Project is also planning 4CC retreat in February. Project is collecting data for four different areas and several dissemination products.

## **HRSA Updates:**

- Adan asked about being ready for meeting in January. Saleem said yes. Agenda was sent out last month. Also have sent out conference call schedule for the next six

months. There are no individual conference call. The all grantee call will be held on Jan 9 before the meeting.

**OU Updates:**

- Glenn said that he was contacted by OraSure who are planning to have a booth at the Alaska conference as well as a hospitality room for SPNS grantees to have meetings etc. He said he will ask grantees to help at their booth.
- Saleem asked if any of the projects will be attending APHA. Adan will be attending the conference.
- Glenn will be going to Healing Lodge on Monday for site visit but will call in for the calls on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

**Other:**

- Jutta asked other grantees if they have heard anything about abstracts submitted to Alaska conference due to concerns regarding some calls to Karina. Others except 4CC said they haven't heard anything. 4CC received an email about the abstract being accepted and forwarded that email to OU and HRSA.
- Jutta also said she, Carmen, and Karina will have a conference call with HRSA once Carmen recovers from her illness.

Conference Call ended at 12:38 pm