

## **HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call February 3, 2003 at 12 Noon CST**

**Participants:** *OU Research and Evaluation Center:* Marguerite Keese, Tim Brittingham, Greg Fryday. *HRSA* - Kathleen Handley, Sandra Duggan, Sarah Hargrove. *NNAAPC* - Alison Whitmore. *Robeson Health Care Corporation* - Millard Lowry, Jr., Ottis Murray, Jo Lance. *SPIPA* - Jennifer Olson. *YKHC* - Carl Evans, Mark Anaruk, Andrea Savage. *San Francisco* - Parousha Zand, Karen Saylor. *Anchorage* - Tracy Speier, New Mexico - Kevin Foley, Lorenda Joe

Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that David and Betty were currently in NYC on a CDC site visit.

### **Project Updates:**

#### ***Robeson Health Care Corporation***

Millard will be presenting a pastoral training tomorrow night, and collecting data on the forms designed by OU.

The individual that was taken to a treatment center, and referenced in the last conference call, voluntarily left treatment and came home the next day. Staff continue to encourage the individual.

The project's semi-annual report has been submitted and is still under review by HRSA.

Millard confirmed the March meeting time with Sarah, and the site visit with OU.

He stated that the project has received approval on the necessary elements to begin the program.

#### ***SPIPA***

Jen stated that the semi-annual report has been submitted and they haven't heard anything from HRSA as of yet.

New staff has been hired for Squaxin Island.

The project has submitted for IRB approval and is simultaneously getting tribal approval on data collection forms. The project is working with Tim on designing the forms in TELEform.

Staff has presented the project to two tribal health boards in the past month.

Last week, a staff training was held and staff knowledge was measured under a pre/post test design on issues such as knowledge, sensitivity, etc.

Staff at two active sites is beginning to collect base-line data from the community. Education and outreach for testing and getting positives into care is the focus of the projects.

### ***Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation***

Andrea stated that the project had its IRB reviewed on 2/18 and that they have not received anything in writing, but have talked with an IRB representative on the phone. The application was tabled for clarification and it will be resubmitted for the 03/18 meeting.

Tracy stated that they had not received a formal response from that IRB either.

### ***Native American Health Center/Friendship House***

Parousha thanked Sandi for feedback on the semi-annual report.

The project has received IRB approval and the paper work is ready - they are ready to collect data. They are waiting on HRSA grants management approval. Friendship House is ready to begin as well.

They have received feedback from David on their logic model.

The Friendship House is already referring clients into appropriate services.

Sandi stated that they had received a copy of the IRB letter and may proceed with data collection.

Tim will scan a copy of the project's demographics form to share with Sandi and other staff.

### **4CC**

Kevin stated that the IRB provided conditional/verbal approval to the project, and the project is waiting for a letter stating this. Representatives from the project may have to appear before the board in March. Once received, the IRB approval letter will be forwarded to HRSA.

The projects forms are ready and the UNM is proceeding with training on research protocols. They are also reviewing how changes in their logic model affect their work plan.

Motivational interviewing training on March 15<sup>th</sup> for all of the staff is planned. This training should assist with getting substance abuse clients tested for HIV as well as getting substance abuse treatment referrals for clients being tested.

The project was contacted by Sandi concerning the semi-annual report, and is finishing the narrative for the logic model and flowchart. The narrative will be forwarded to HRSA upon completion.

Tracy asked about the estimated time spent on the IRB process and Kevin stated that it took about 5 months in total.

Kevin stated that some sites has started with outreach and community events.

### ***Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium***

Tracy reported they had not received any comments from the area IRB on the first phase of their project proposal (Title III data review). They are continuing to move forward with this component and the local evaluator has met with the Title III staff on issues related to CAREWare. The evaluator was able to review variables that could be captured from the software.

The project has ran into a gliche with the Department of Corrections. There has been an administration change which has chosen to place all programming on hold. Working with ANTHC administration to present the needs of all ANTHC programs in a holistic unified manner with the DOC.

Gloria has been out of town for two weeks and her laptop is broken, so the IRB submission process for the pre-existing baseline DOC data has been delayed.

The DOC Focus Group IRB will have been submitted by the meeting in DC. The project is currently working on the DOC component, including focus groups and key informant interviews.

Tracy has spoken with Sandi on the semi-annual report. Nothing new has been sent from HRSA, but Sandi did refer to the remarks from a previous phone conversation with the project. Sandi stated that the project can start making changes based on her comments prior to receiving the formal notification from Grants Management. However, anything with budget has to officially go to grants management. Any response on the projects part must go to grants management.

The project will be delayed on submitting the work plan.

### **HRSA**

Katie thanked everyone and stated that she was looking forward to seeing everyone

in DC.

## **NNAPC**

Alison is excited about meeting everyone in DC and hopes to have more things from NNAAPC to offer the projects and get their feedback.

## **OU**

Tim reminded everyone that the presentation requirements for the DC meetings are on the Technical Assistance Centers website.