

HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call

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Project Reports:

Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative:

Programmatic:

- Noncompetitive Continuation Application in ongoing.

Trainings:

- March 30 and April 1: Data collection training with Bonny Duran, University of New Mexico. Prepared to collect data using health survey and pre and post test. Site is now ready to begin recruiting participants
- May 15, 2003: Motivational Interviewing Training with case managers and HIV counselors.

IRB:

- Project is awaiting written approval of IRB from the Navajo Nation. Currently have verbal approval.

Native American Health Center:

Programmatic:

- We have started data collection with our HIV positive clients. One intake has been completed and 4 other intakes are already scheduled. Clients have shown a positive response and great willingness to participate.
- Friendship House has been doing health education groups. We have received 18 pre/post AIDS tests for April.
- Building narratives for continuation.

Data Collection:

- CAREWARE has been accessed. We are reviewing the on-line manual and trying to get more information on mental health and substance abuse components. We have an appointment Friday afternoon with our HealthPro Administrator to find out about the additional fields for HIV and mental health that could be accessed.
- Last week we had a conference call with Betty and Tim regarding TELEFORM. We have gotten a new disk from CARDIFF and Karen's team is working on getting that installed. Tim is scheduled to come out to Oakland on May 19-21st to do a 3 day training on TELEFORM.

Site Visit:

- We have our site visit coming up soon on May 13, 2003.

Robeson Health Care Corporation:

- No representative this call. Program up date stubmitted by Millard Lo wry.
- **The Southeastern North Carolina American Indian HIV/AIDS Initiative** conducted its second site visit for first year on April 2-3, 2003
 - Participants were Millard Lowry, Jr. and Robert Hunt (both of Healing Lodge), Ottis Murray (UNCP), Jo Lentz (Partners in Care – Pastoral), David Barney, Betty Duran, and Tim Brittingham (University of Oklahoma)
 - Day 1 – Focused on providing training for using SPSS to conduct quantitative program evaluation. A guidebook was provided to participants along with copies

of local project's quantitative instruments. SPSS training focused on 1) reporting demographic variables and inserting tables and charts into MS-Word files; 2) Use of the one-sample T-test for comparing the current project's sample to other populations outside the program; 3) the paired T test to document intervention effects for pre – and post test analysis; 4) One-way NOVA for analyzing differences between three or more groups or interventions; 5) Lastly we explored the use of chi-square statistic for use with two by two contingency tables.

- A strong emphasis was placed on how this analysis would be beneficial in reports, proposal writing, and program development.
 - Day 2 – Focused on local evaluation issues, identification of individuals responsible for data collection at the Healing Lodge, conducted “hands-on” live training, discussed topics related to development of the local codebook and measurement issues, discussed the development of a new instrument that will measure the degree of spirituality of a client. Ottis Murray has sent the add on demographic question to OU.
 - A conference call was held with the HRSA SPNS Project Officer, Sarah Hargrove
- The project Coordinator presented the project at the 2nd Annual “All Things Are Connected Conference” in Savannah, GA on 1-2 May 2003.
 - Transmitted and received our first set of data from the TA Center at OU.
 - Continue to have our monthly HIV/AIDS Task Force Meetings. Last meeting was April 30, 2003. Next scheduled meeting is 28 May 2003 at the Healing Lodge.
 - The project will be present as part of the overall SPNS Initiatives in Albuquerque, New Mexico 29 May – 1 June 2003 at the HIV/AIDS and Social Work Conference. Jo Lentz and Millard Lowry will attend the conference.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium:

Title III:

- Looking at HIPAA regulations and working on clarifying, for purposes of efficiency, the best approach to collaborating with ATNHC's Title III to obtain the necessary information without causing barriers and unnecessary work on behalf of the medical providers.
- The plan is to take out any unique I.D. and pursue a HIPPA data agreement between Title III.
- Working on completing the resubmission of the Title III IRB with the necessary changes required by the local and national IRB.

DOC Intervention:

- Meet with Karen Neagle, the Alaska Native Cultural liaison from the DOC last month, DOC has given us the green light to move forward with the project.
- We are going to resubmit the information we provided in December prior to the administrative change and make any necessary changes that have resulted from the delay. This paper work will be preliminary to a MOA.
- We have requested a meeting with DOC during the OU, site-visit to discuss the program, but have not heard back from Ms. Neagle. She is due to return from travel status on May 05, 2003.
- Tracy and Dr. Eldridge have decided to submit a separate IRB from the DOC IRB to begin conducting focus groups and key-informant interviews in Nome and Kotzebue. The reason for this is because of the time that it is taking to develop a relationship with the new administration at DOC. Plus, the qualitative data gathered from the focus group and Key Informant interviews can be used to help with program development which will ultimately be the scope of work in the MOA that is developed with the DOC. We are hoping to have the IRB for the Key Informant Interviews submitted by the end of May for review in June, so focus groups can take place the end of June or the beginning of July.
- The SPNS grant continues to work with ANTHC's prison outreach program on program development. A panel presentation at the statewide annual school of addiction will be taking place on May 7, to help advertise both programs. (Dr. Eldridge will also be doing a presentation on HIV and MH issues at this training). A panel presentation is also schedule for the annual Alaska Native Rural Providers meeting scheduled for the week of June 2-7 in Seward Alaska.
- ANTHC has received IRB approval to begin analyzing data collected as part of the prison outreach program. The database for this will be developed next week.
- Pertaining to Chugachmiut's Data, Tracy called the CDC project officer on the #704 project to verify that the information gathered from 1997-2000 was not associated with a research project. Tracy received an e-mail from CDC verifying that the data collected under the Chugachmiut project was not research and therefore the data is exempt. UAA will be submitting a letter of response with a copy of this letter to Chugachmiut's responding to their concerns on why access to this data was denied.

Site visit next week:

- Things to cover:
 - Discussion about data agreements with Title III.

- Look at Care Ware data set and determine what variables are most valuable to get at what we need to answer the research questions.
- Refining research questions
- Discussion of work plan and discussion for planning and resubmission for year II. Continuation grants.
- How are we going to set up training criteria that meets consistent training for consistent standard of care?
- Draft questions for the focus groups and key informant interview.
- Conference in ALBQ, NM the end of the month.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation:

Trainings:

- Karl and Andrea Attended pre and post test counseling training in Anchorage. While there, they developed referral plans with other agencies and met with the IRB there.

IRB:

- Revisions to the IRB were submitted on the April 21. No formal approval has been received.
- Next YK Human Subjects meeting in April was tabled until June. There will be a meeting with the YK representatives on May 7th to work on the proposal.

Programmatic:

- Working on continuation grant.

Outreach:

- Conducting outreach at the prisons treatment center
- National testing day June 27. Agency will be using this opportunity to promote the Quick test in Bethel.
- Have identified sex education as an expressed need in the villages.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency:

Training:

- Continuing Tribal Staff Training. All staff attended the All Things Are Connected Conference in Savanna, GA. This is the fourth training for the staff.

Programmatic:

- Two sites, Shoalwater Bay and Squaxin Island Tribes, have begun outreach activities with individual clients and the community.

Data Collection:

- Awaiting IRB approval from the University of Washington.
- Site is following up with the IRB and will be ready to collect baseline data with approval is made.
- The continuation application process has begun.

HRSA Updates:

- Noncompetitive Continuation Applications are due May 23rd. Grantees are encouraged to contact their project officers with any questions.
- The new Grants Management Specialist is Pamela Baker (301-443-0197). Continuation applications and any questions concerning project grants should be addressed to Pamela. Project officers should have complete copies of applications to avoid confusion during this transition. Use the same mailing address as in the past.

NNAAPC Updates:

- NNAAPC will be contacting sites for information on who they will be sending to Train the Trainer in Albuquerque, NM. on June 5th and 6th so travel arrangements can be made. NNAAPC will keep project officers informed of who will be attending from their project.

Evaluation Center:

Grantees Meeting:

- Next All Grantees Meeting will be held on October 8-10, 2003 in Washington, DC. This is a change for the previously discussed date of October 7-9. Travel for this conference is funded by the individual projects.
- There is one Grantees Meeting per year for years 2-5 of the grant. Individual project are responsible for the cost of their travel for these meetings. The October meeting is the only meeting for year two.

Albuquerque Conference:

- Presenters for the Albuquerque Conference in May
 - Bethel – Mark Anaruk

- Anchorage – Tracy Speier
 - Puget - Karina Uldall
 - San Francisco - ?
 - New Mexico – Lorenda Joe?
 - North Carolina – Millard Lowry
- Marguerite will e-mail all attendees with an abstract for the presentations. All presentations should be in Power Point and will be posted to the web. Equipment for the presentation will be provided. Bring presentations on CD ROM or diskette. Presenters are encouraged to e-mail presentations to the Evaluation Center one week before the conference as a back-up against technical problems.

Continuation:

- Due to financial constraints, the Research and Evaluation Center was unable to continue to contract with NNAAPC beyond the 1st year of the project. Projects are encouraged to collaborate with NNAAPC on the various types of training available through other avenues. The Research and Evaluation Center will also work diligently to address any specialty needs that grantees may have.