

**HRSA SPNS American Indian/Native Alaskan Grantees Conference Call  
June 2, 2003 at 12:00 pm CST**

**Participants:** HRSA: Kathleen Handley, Sandra Duggan – OU: David Barney, Betty Duran, Tim Brittingham, Gregg Fryday, Paul Rowe, Lynda Williams, Marguerite Keese – YK: Carl Evans – 4CC: Kevin Foley, Julie Lucero, Rebeccah Rodriguez – ANTHC: Tracy Speier – NNAAPC: Alison Whitemore

**Project Reports:**

***Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative:***

- UNM has finished its Motivational Interviewing and Interviewer Trainings last month. Packets are being prepared for the interviewers and will be distributed to them this Thursday at the monthly 4CC meeting.
- The continuation application is being submitted today.
- Rebeccah Rodriguez is new to the project and will be participating in the conference and project calls under the supervision of Lorenda Joe.
- Received adherence protocols from Dr. Heirloo for the HIV Adherence Clinic.

***Native American Health Center:***

*No representative available for this call. Update submitted by Karen Saylor.  
Read in to the record by Gregg Fryday.*

- 13 intakes have been done for SPNS HIV care, QOL and Demographic forms are being entered into Teleform
- New Teleform documents have been created thanks to great TA from Tim last month. Demographic and QOL instruments have been set up and activated. Karen is working on finalizing the FCGC mental health questionnaire as a Teleform form.
- New Medical data form is being developed as Dr. Huba has not given permission for use of his form.
- On May 12, Karen and Parousha met with Dr. Goddard and Dr. Brown in the dental department to finalize dental research questions and annual survey questions. A baseline report will be run in June or July to see current outcome and diagnosis information for the dental components.
- On May 13, we had our site visit with Betty and David. We had subsequent TA with Tim on May 19, 20, 21 for Teleform. This TA occurred in Oakland with Karen and her technical team.
- Through a meeting with our Health Pro administrator on May 29, we have been able to get access to certain screens in Health Pro and set up Mental Health, Substance Abuse and HIV information. Specific SPNS client category will be created as well.
- Myra is setting up new intake system for assessing clients at Friendship House.

- Our AIDS/HIV knowledge test is being revised and developed as a Teleform form.
- We had our first Interdisciplinary Case Conference on May 7th. The team reviewed different care plans and is developing one for use. A care plan will be created for each SPNS client with a staff person assigned to each plan and a timeline. Care plans will be for program staff use and will not be signed by clients. Interdisciplinary Case conferences will be held monthly.

***Robeson Health Care Corporation:***

*No representative this call*

***Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium:***

- Title III had their site visit with David and Betty the first week of May. Dr. Eldridge, is coordinating with Title III EIS project to develop a data sharing agreement that will allow for a more efficient way to analyze necessary data for the medical outcomes analysis of EIS patients will still meeting the required research and HIPAA regulations.
- Tracy has been meeting with the DOC Cultural Liaison to discuss the development of the Healthy Transitions project. Tracy also had the opportunity to meet with the new Director of Institutions at the Anchorage Airport while waiting for her plan to NM.
- The Cultural Liaison is scheduling a meeting with representatives of the new DOC administration the end of this week. In addition to discussing the SPNS project, part of this meeting will be to provide an explanation of the Alaska Native Health Care System.
- Continuation application was submitted Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Tracy presented at the Social Work and HIV Conference in Albuquerque, NM.
- Tracy is visiting Nome and Kotzebue on the 18, 19, 20 of June. This trip is being made with ANTHC's Prisoner Outreach Project, the Cultural Liaison from DOC and the NWAETC's Training Coordinator. There is a community meeting scheduled in Nome with representatives from Anvil Mountain Correctional Center located in Nome and a potlatch with prisoners scheduled on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Tracy will be conducting a preliminary community asset assessment to determine what services are available in Nome and Kotzebue and how these services work together.
- There are plans to submit two IRB applications in the next month. One for focus groups in Nome and Kotzebue and the second for the resubmission of the Title III medical outcomes analysis. The second IRB requires approval by ANTHC and the National HIS IRB before data analysis can begin. The DOC IRB will be submitted as soon as Goal II of the Logic model is accomplished.
- One IRB has received approval to begin analysis on data collected by ATNHC's Prisoner Outreach Project. While conducting a preliminary data analysis it became evident that many incarcerated Alaskan Natives are Veterans. These

findings have lead to preliminary collaborative discussions with the Veterans Administration in Anchorage.

- This Wednesday, Tracy will be presenting on a panel with representatives from the Department of Corrections at the annual statewide Rural Providers Conference in Seward. ANTHC's HIV/AIDS programs will also have a table with information about the different programs at this local conference.

***Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation:***

Outreach

- Meeting with community agencies to develop Memorandum of Understanding.
- Promotion of HIV quick test for National Testing Day June 27<sup>th</sup>. Concerns about individuals receiving results on a Friday were discussed. Appropriate referrals for anyone needing support are available.

Conference/Trainings

- Carl will attend Native American Train the Trainer Conference June 5-6.

Pending Issues

- YK Human Subjects Committee will meet in June
- Alaska Area IRB will send approval in writing. The site has verbal approval.
- In house IRB meets next week. Approval is anticipated.

Outreach

- HIV 101 taught in prison by Carl.

Updates

- Site visit in May with Betty and David.
- Updated proposal sent to Human Subjects
- Non-competitive renewal sent

***South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency:***

*No representative this call.*

**HRSA Updates:**

- Travel for HRSA has been further restricted. HRSA representatives will not be able to travel until the end of the fiscal year with the exception of Sandy's previously planned site visit to 4CC in June.

### **NNAAPC Updates:**

- Alison expressed her appreciation for the quality of the American Indian/Native Alaska presentations at the Social Work and HIV Conference.
- Despite this being the last month of participation in the project, NNAAPC continues to express its support for the project and grantees. Grantees experiences would be excellent presentations for the NNAAPC Research Symposium this Fall.

### **Evaluation Center:**

- There are two site visits remaining for this fiscal year: 4 Corners in the last week of June, and SPIPA, July 14 and 15.
- Five of the project grantees presented at the Social Work and HIV Conference.
  - Mark Anaruk presented for Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
  - Tracy Speier presented for ANTHC
  - Dr. Karina Uldall presented for SPIPA
  - Betty Duran presented the slides for NAHC. Betty also provided a brief over view of 4CC's site and model.
  - Millard Lowry and Jo Lentz presented for Robeson

\*The Research and Evaluation Center was impressed with the quality and focus of these presentations.