



Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
(The EpiCenter)
January – March 2013 Quarterly Report



Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center Projects' Reports Include:

- ⚠ Adolescent Health**
- ⚠ Comprehensive Cancer Tribal BRFSS**
- ⚠ Immunization and IRB**
- ⚠ Injury Prevention Program (IPP)**
- ⚠ Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist**
- ⚠ Maternal Child Health Projects**
- ⚠ Medical Epidemiologist**
- ⚠ Northwest Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH)**
- ⚠ Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center**
- ⚠ THRIVE**
- ⚠ Tribal Epicenter Consortium (TECC)**

Adolescent Health

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Technical Assistance and Training

Tribal Site Visits

- 9-Tribes Prevention Meeting, Hosted by Siletz Tribe, Eugene, OR, January 16th – Attended by 25 participants.
- Cow Creek: SPIPA/NPAIHB HIV Clinical Update, Cow Creek, OR, March 14, 2013.
- Cow Creek: Spring Break Youth Camp, Cow Creek, OR, March 25-28. Approx 120 youth in attendance.

Telephone - Email: Program Support or Technical Assistance

During the quarter, Project Red Talon participated in forty-nine calls, four partner meetings, and provided three programmatic updates, including:

1. Presentation: Crow HIV/STD, February 21, 2013
2. Presentation: IYG Usability Test, Portland, OR, February 9, 2013
3. Presentation: Winnebago HIV/STD, February 5, 2013
4. Radio: Native American Calling – Call in to promote We R Native, January 10th

During the quarter, Project Red Talon provided the following trainings and webinars:

1. Program Implementation Webinar: IYG ACF Site, March 22, 2013
2. Program Implementation Webinar: IYG Control Site, March 27, 2013
3. Program Implementation Webinar: IYG Intervention Site, March 18, 2013
4. Program Implementation Webinar: Two IYG Control Sites, March 25, 2013
5. Training: IYG Site Coordinators training for NAYA staff, January 11th
6. Training: Social Media Mini Grant Training, Phoenix, AZ, March 6-7, 2013, Appx. 16 attendees.
7. Training: Social Media Mini Grant Training, Portland, OR, February 27-28, 2013, Appx. 16 attendees.
8. Training: Cow Creek Spring Break Youth Camp, Cow Creek, OR, March 25-28. Approx 120 youth in attendance.
9. Training: SPIPA/NPAIHB HIV Clinical Update, Cow Creek, OR, March 14, 2013. Appx. 30 clinicians in attendance
10. Presentation: We R Native Media Campaign, 12th Annual Native Women and Men's Wellness Conference, San Diego, CA. March 17-21, 2013. Appx 25 people in attendance.
11. Webinar: IHS Clinical Grand Rounds, presented on We R Native, January 17th – Attended by 25 participants.

During the quarter, Project Red Talon responded to 60 requests for STD/HIV technical assistance.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Chlamydia Screening Events: All promotional materials are available on



the web.

National HIV Testing Initiative: All promotional materials are available on including logos, radio spots, fliers, snag bag inserts, and window decals. Orders upon request.



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PRT staff participated in regular teleconferences for the HIV/STD/Hep C Listserv Hepatitis Action Plan for IHS. Work is moving forward on both calls to develop networks of pharmacists and healthcare professionals to address HIV/STD/Hep pharmacy and Hepatitis in the I/T/U settings..

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STD/HIV Quality Improvement: PRT staff are working with the IHS STD Program STD/HIV clinical measures. The project recruited 6 clinics that are participating STD quality improvement project. Sites will build upon existing Improving (IPC) activities to carry out QI activities to address STD/HIV GIPRA indicators. Talon is providing training and technical assistance throughout the process.



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Native LGBT-Two Spirit HIV Media Campaign: PRT is working with Tommy to create an HIV prevention, testing, and treatment campaign targeting LGBTQ & two spirit AI/AN. The project created 8 Native It Gets Better videos, and appx. 30 educational LGBT pages on the We R Native website (www.wernative.org), reviewed by teens and NNAAPC. The project has contracted with a Native-owned media firm to develop KAT Communications. Between Feb-March, three drafts of campaign materials for feedback with the target audience.



Chesbro to spirit AI/AN. sexual health staff from the campaign: were circulated

Tribal STD/HIV Policy Kit for Tribal Decision-makers: Completed. The Kit received IHS clearance July 2012. The Kit is now available on the IHS and NPAIHB website for national distribution. Appx 250 hard copies and 300 jump drives with the kit have been distributed to date.

Mini Grants for Native LGBT-Two Spirit HIV Media Campaigns: In February, PRT funded 10 tribes/tribal organizations to develop locally tailored HIV prevention, testing, and treatment campaigns targeting LGBTQ & two spirit AI/AN. PRT will provide training and technical assistance to the sites throughout the year-long project. All 10 tribes/tribal organizations attended a 2-day Social Marketing training in March 2013, and sites are now working on their local campaigns.

We Are Native Website: The website launched on 28th, 2012:



We R Native September

www.weRnative.org

In March 2013, we had:

- Pageviews: 6,935 ; Unique Pageviews: 4,865 ; Avg. Time on Page: 1:42
- Over 330 health/wellness pages on the website were reviewed by AI/AN youth and topical experts from throughout the U.S.
- Over 150 interviews and short videos were developed for the website by AI/AN youth and topical experts from throughout the U.S. (including youth at SEARHC, Menominee Indian School, Aspen Institute, Salish Kooteni College, Boys and Girls Club of SD, and Native Lens).
- We are continuing to work with INDIG to refine and improve the website, sitemap and wireframe.

Text Messages: The service currently has 1,088 active subscribers, and has distributed over 4,372 health-related text messages to-date.

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/wernative#p/f>

The project currently has 167 uploaded videos, and has had 7,502 video views and 45 subscribers.

Facebook: The WeRnative Facebook page is available at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/We-R-Native/247261648626123> By the end of the month, the page had 2,335 Likes.

We R Native Contests: The current contest focuses on I Strengthen My Nation.

Native STAND Curricula: A culturally-appropriate, school-decision-making curriculum is now available:

<http://www.nativestand.com/>

The curriculum was evaluated by NPAIHB in four BIA Schools in 2010, and is currently being evaluated in with a NW tribal school (HEY Project).



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Native STAND Videos: In 2009, Project Red Talon worked with Longhouse Media and NW teens to develop videos addressing: Healthy Relationships ☐ Teen Sexual Health ☐ Condom Demonstration ☐ Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Panel ☐ Living with HIV/AIDS ☐ Drug & Alcohol Youth Panel ☐ 2 Role Plays ☐ 3 Public Service Announcements (PSA). Please check out our videos on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/Nativestand7#p/u> A teacher's guide for using the videos with students is available at: <http://nativestand.com/index.php/resources/> Since their release, the Native STAND videos have been viewed 9,979 times.

HEY project videos are available on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/HEY-Project-Healthy-Empowered-Youth-Project/137016612985035>

Surveillance and Research

It's Your Game Adaptation: The project has finished recruiting sites to participate in the effectiveness study phase of this project. All site coordinators are trained and are beginning to implement the IYG and Control lessons with students.

VOICES Adaptation: Working with KAT Communications to review draft scripts of the Native VOICES video and develop pre-production storyboards.

Other Administrative Responsibilities

Publications

- April 2013 IHS Primary Care Provider article
- Quarterly OHSU Prevention Research Center Newsletter article

Administrative Duties

- Budget tracking and maintenance: Ongoing.
- Managed Project Invoices: Ongoing.
- Staff oversight and annual evaluations: Ongoing.
- Managed Project Subcontracts: Ongoing

Comprehensive Cancer Tribal BRFSS

Birdie Wermey, Project Director

Technical Assistance & Reporting via telephone/email

January

- Ongoing communication with Victoria and Julie with regard to project
- No call for the month of January
- Birdie returned to work on Tuesday 1.08.13 from maternity leave
- NPAIHB CC Tribal BRFSS call with CDC on 1.11.13

NPAIHB

- Tribe 2 – IRB package submitted & approved by Tribal Council
- Meeting scheduled with THD at October QBM – Interviewers will be hired by NPAIHB
- Preliminary data provided to Tribe 1 – development of Tribal presentations

- Tribe 3 – All IRB documents send to Tribal Council
- Materials shared with T.O. Nation

ITCA

- Dr. Ritchey will be the point of contact, Patrick will assist when needed
- Contract amendment was sent to Jaime for signature
 - NPAIHB received contract and was submitted for signature – a copy was emailed to ITCA for their records

February

- Ongoing communication with Victoria and Julie with regard to project
- NPAIHB CC Tribal BRFSS call with ITCA & TON on 2.07.13
- NPAIHB CC Tribal BRFSS call with CDC on 3.08.13

NPAIHB

- Tribe 1 – BRFSS surveys and data entry completed
- Tribe 2 – BRFSS survey collection in place
- Tribe 3 – Received IRB approval
- Overall, great progress at NPAIHB & meeting timeline

ITCA/TON

- Meeting and planning session with Delsen on 2.22.13 to go over final survey & questions
 - Once approved by committee, will send a copy to NPAIHB
- Revised budget & work plan in progress, will send to NPAIHB once completed
- Will not contract out to U of A; all data entry can be completed in house with ITCA staff
 - Not comfortable with releasing Tribal enrollment & data to U of A
- Q: rewording of original BRFSS questions – P.I. Julie Townsend will send a statement regarding the project guidelines surrounding the BRFSS questionnaire
 - If questions are changed they will be pilot tested in a focus group
 - Questions related to TON can be added at the end of the questionnaire
 - Nicole Smith, NPAIHB Biostatistician was on the call to answer questions about data entry and skip patterns
 - Kerri will re-send de-identified BRFSS survey used w/ one of the NW Tribes
- IRB package to be submitted during the month of June
 - Birdie suggested May, since some NPAIHB's IRB members have children and school/summer vacation begin this month & the turnaround time may take 3-4 months
- Kerri will also send her documents she submitted to IRB along with Clarice Charging's contact information

March

- Ongoing communication with Victoria and Julie with regard to project
- NPAIHB CC Tribal BRFSS call with ITCA & TON on 3.07.13
- NPAIHB CC Tribal BRFSS call with CDC on 3.08.13

NPAIHB

- Hired CC Tribal BRFSS interviewer to conduct surveys – Monica Damron
 - Will be working directly with Kerri
- Tribe 1 – BRFSS surveys and data entry completed, preliminary data analysis, power point presentations have been completed in 3 Tribal communities – 1 with the Cow Creek Tribe, 2 with Cow Creek population
- Tribe 2 – will start survey in next few weeks, phone interviews
- Tribe 3 – Submitting IRB package, door to door and phone surveys for outlying counties
- Tribe 4 – working w/ THD on Tribal Resolution
- Possible Tribe 5

ITCA/TON

- Meeting and planning session with Delsen, Andrew & Teressa on 2.22.13
 - Q: CORE survey, first 24 sections? 2011 BRFSS different than 2012 BRFSS?
 - A: not a significant change between core q's
 - Will resend with core BRFSS questions

- Q: Final section of survey – what is a reasonable # of questions to ask?
 - A: One of Kerri's Tribes added just enough questions to make the survey last one hour – it depends on what the Tribe is wanting from this section that is directed to their members
- Q: What does NPAIHB need for the program evaluation piece?
 - Will work on this piece once the project is completed
- Q: Does NPAIHB IRB need a Tribal Resolution? – on target for May IRB submission
 - NPAIHB suggested she submit the signed contract by the E.D. – Tribal Resolution may not be required
- Q: IRB approval is needed prior to administering the survey to focus groups and/or any time of newspaper/flier advertising
 - All of these documents will need to be completed for IRB submission
- Looking to survey 750 Tribal members – door to door, every 4th house, head of house hold
- Working on job descriptions – Kerri will send her template

Meetings/Trainings/Conferences

January

- Birdie attended the QBM @CTUIR 1.22-1.25

February

- NONE

March

- Birdie attended the "Native Women & Men's Wellness Conference" in San Diego, CA 3.17-3.20

Upcoming

- CC Tribal BRFS call w/ ITCA/TON & NPAIHB on 4.18.13 @ 11am PST
- CC Tribal BRFS call w/ CDC on 4.26.13 @ 9am PST
- NICWA's 31st Annual Protecting Our Children Conference; Tulsa Ok. 4.07-4.10
- QBM @ Swinomish Wa. 4.16-4.18
- International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health; Portland Or. 4.19-4.21

Immunization and IRB

Thomas Weiser, Medical Epidemiologist

Clarice Charging, Immunization Coordinator

Meetings:

MPH presentation, (Annika Giesbrecht), OHSU, March 11, 2013
 Immunization Office Hours (10-12 pm), March 21, 2013

Conferences/Site Visits/Training:

Breast Cancer Issues Conference, Portland Convention Center, March 9, 2013
 Native Caring Conference, Lincoln City, OR, March 27-28, 2013

Front desk duties week of February 25-28, March 1, 2013

Conference Calls:

Cancer AIMS Interviews (3), January 10, 2013
 Cancer AIMS Interviews (2), January 15, 2013
 Cancer AIMS Interview (1), January 16, 2013
 Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 6, 2013
 Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 7, 2013
 Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 8, 2013

IHS Immunization Flu Update, February 8, 2013
Portland Area Immunization Coordinators, February 11, 2013
Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 14, 2013
Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 15, 2013
Cancer AIMS Interview (1), February 21, 2013
Cancer AIMS Interview (2), February 22, 2013
Portland Area Immunization, March 18, 2013

Portland Area (PA) Indian Health Service (IHS) Institutional Review Board (IRB):

Conference Calls:

NPC Research, February 28, 2013

PA IRB Meetings:

PA IHS IRB Committee meeting, January 9, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, January 15, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, January 16, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, February 5, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, February 12, 2013
PA IHS IRB Face to Face Committee meeting, February 13, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, February 20, 2013
PA IHS IRB policy meeting, March 11, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, March 12, 2013
PA IHS IRB Committee meeting, March 15, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, March 19, 2013
PA IHS IRB Administration meeting, March 26, 2013

During the period of January 1 – March 31, Portland Area IRBNet program has 76 registered participants, received 5 new electronic submissions, 7 administrative project revisions, processed 17 protocol revision approvals, 4 annual renewals, 1 publication and 3 presentations.

PA IRB held a face to face meeting, February 13 and welcomed a new member, Dr. Rex Quaempts (Yakama). During our meeting we provided training on our IRBNet system and walked through the protocol review process with our committee members.

Provided IT and IRB regulation assistance to Primary Investigators from:

- 1) NPAIHB
- 2) NPC Research
- 3) OHSU
- 4) Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
- 5) Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- 6) Rand Corporation
- 7) Portland State University

Injury Prevention Program

Bridget Canniff, Project Director

Luella Azule, Project Coordinator

Conference Calls

- 1/03 Econometrica Conference call (Bridget/Luella)
- 1/10 CDC/NCIPC conference call (Bridget/ Luella)
- 1/14, 2/11 TIPCAP advisory committee conference calls, type and send minutes (Luella)
- 1/23 TIPCAP group call (Bridget/Luella)
- 1/29 Regional PAO TIPCAP conference call (Bridget/Luella)
- 1/29 IP Coalition conference call (Luella)
- 2/12, 3/14, 3/28 Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee Conference Calls (Bridget/Luella)
- 3/5 Site-visit conference call (Bridget/Luella)

Meetings/Conferences

- 1/11, 2/22, IP IHS Project Officer Meeting (Bridget/Luella)
- 1/15, 3/4, 3/5, 3/19, 3/22 IPP staff meetings (Bridget/Luella)
- 1/28 Risky Business Meeting (Luella)
- 3/12 Econometrica on-site visit (Bridget/Luella)

Trainings

- **Webinars (Luella):**
 - 1/29 Seeking Inspiration? Evaluate-Safe Kids
 - 2/13 Preventing Underage Drinking (Intro)
 - 2/19 Strategies for Successful Public Health messaging
 - 3/22 Econometrica Suicide Trends among AI/AN and Translating Mindfulness-based Suicide Prevention Curriculum in a NA community
- 3/5 Personal Safety Class @ NPAIHB (Luella/Bridget)
- 3/16 Doernbecher Child Passenger Seat check (Luella)

Core Activities - Luella Azule

- Reviewed various IP related websites and e-newsletters, and forwarded 20 IP-related announcements to CPS techs, Tribal IP Contacts and/or IP Coalition Committee, and added relevant training materials to IP resources library
- Forwarded Suicide Prevention survey and ASIST training to PSU (Healing Feathers)
- Updated contacts: TIPCAP IP coordinators
- Updated CPS contact file add 3 new tribal techs
- Registered for IHS TIPCAP annual grantees meeting (Luella/Bridget) and Lifesavers national road safety conference (Luella) in Denver in April
- Forwarded Child Passenger Seat (CPS) technician training information to Native CARS as requested
- Forwarded Emergency Management and Public Safety for Tribal Officials training to Rachel Ford
- Sent Coalition Committee conference call minutes and responded to questions
- Read IHS Project Officer's Community Environmental Health Indicators
- Determined which tribes do not have Tribal IP contacts, look at tribal websites to get contact information, to call or e-mail
- Looked into applying for Health Natives Fellowship in collaboration with Northwest Washington Indian Health Board
- Prepared for Econometrica on-site visit as evaluator for IHS Injury Prevention Program
- Drafted, revised and submitted TIPCAP Semi-Annual Report (September 2012-February 2013) to IHS
- Met with Rachel Ford re: PHEP vendor application draft, vendor information draft and conference call agendas, acknowledge PHEP vendor applications and set up contacts file
- Wrote an elder falls article and created announcements about the Coalition and upcoming Safe Native American Passenger (SNAP) training for NPAIHB's April *Health News and Notes* newsletter
- Download and print TIPCAP advisory committee conference call agenda

Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist

Suzanne Zane, Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist /CDC Assignee

Core activities, including planning, local meetings, conference call meetings

- Worked with IDEA-NW staff (Kristyn) on:
 - Birth certificate analysis findings: state fact sheets for Oregon and Idaho on pregnancy risk factors and birth outcomes (published on NPAIHB website and distributed at QBM)
 - Revisions for WA State IRB regarding our request for data that will enable three projects: birth certificates for IDEA-NW linkage, linked infant birth-death files for analysis of infant mortality, and fetal death certificates.
- Responded to requests for data on behalf of Siletz and of Umatilla confederated tribes' respective home visiting programs needs assessments.
 - Worked with Kristyn on analysis of data from IDEA-NW linkage for examination of pregnancy risk factors and birth outcomes specific to each of these tribes or their service areas.
 - Obtained access to Oregon OPHAT public health data query system to respond to subrequests for infant mortality data 1991-2009.
- Worked with Victoria on process for responding to external data requests from non-tribal institutions contracted to work on behalf of tribal programs. This included communications with Siletz tribe assistant general manager, Umatilla/Yellowhawk clinic CEO, and PSU faculty and staff.
- Obtained access to data from Oregon's two online public health data query tools, VistaPHw and OPHAT, and to Washington's similar CHAT data system and learned use of all three systems. Utilized sites to respond to tribal requests for infant mortality data and, with Kristyn, to EpiCenter staff requests for teen pregnancy data for use in grant proposal.
- PTOTS/MCH meetings with Tam and Nicole: Preparation of Yakama-specific PTOTS breastfeeding data sheet. Included discussions with MCH and public health nursing staff at Yakama Nation clinic and programs.
- Produced Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology pages for the 2013 update of EpiCenter booklet.
- Prepared slides for 5th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health presentation on pregnancy risk factors and outcomes among AI/AN in Oregon and Idaho.
- Met with Stephanie and Colbie regarding need for Area teen pregnancy data for grant application to HHS Office of Adolescent Health. Defined data that would be useful and accurate. Worked with Kristyn to fulfill data request. Provided review and comments on the grant application.
- Tribal Health Status Reports meeting: discussed and revised list of indicators and data sources related to MCH
- Data meeting: reviewed template tribal health status reports from GLITEC, reviewed IHS immunization reports and needs.
- Washington AIHC maternal and infant health working group:
 - Meeting to prioritize strategies and implementation of WA MCH Strategic Plan.
 - Arranged for Karen Cook, FNP at Yellowhawk clinic, to speak with working group about prenatal care provision at that clinic as a possible practice model.
 - WA funding obtained for printing: reviewed final WA/AIHC/PRAMS poster for influenza vaccination of pregnant AI/AN women.
 - With Tom Weiser, intermediate and final draft of "Dear provider" letter regarding AI/AN women and the need for flu vaccination during pregnancy
- Provided review and edits for:
 - NPAIHB public service announcements on domestic violence
 - Domestic violence and sexual assault materials (written, video and audio PSAs) for PRT
- Coordinated teleconference of NPAIHB, UIHI, and CDC BRFSS State Support Team regarding CDC's questions about EpiCenters' organization and mandates, tribal BRFSS (both CDC funded and non-funded), and our queries to CDC regarding county-level data.
- Oregon Health Authority:

- Met with MCH analyst working with Medicaid data to discuss quality issues with AI/AN race data in claims files.
- Met with MCH tribal liaison to obtain update on her tribal site visits/listening tour.
- Assisted external entities (i.e. Multnomah County's Future Generations Collaborative staff, MD/MPH students at OHSU) in navigating activities related to EpiCenter's work. Assisted Oregon's WIC epidemiologist with her query about sources of data on tribal needs for WIC's annual needs analysis.
- Attended 1st Oregon Life Course Research Network meeting, which included researchers and public health workers from state, university, nonprofit, and hospital organizations to share information and begin formation of collaborative goals that will benefit EpiCenter future grant funding and programs.
- With Tom Weiser, working with IHS on RPMS pregnancy intention screening reminders and examination of clinic capabilities regarding contraceptive options, referrals, and pathways to prenatal care, and on initiating expansion of medication use evaluation to all IHS clinics in Portland Area.
 - Met with Joe Finkbonner to discuss Area IHS's interest in pregnancy intentions screening during primary care visits
 - Met with Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health executive director and policy analyst regarding interest by Area IHS office in their piloted initiative in which pregnancy intention screening is integrated into primary care, and in how this is a required care indicator for Oregon coordinated care organizations. Technical assistance is available from OFRH for screening implementation, and is not limited to Oregon.
- CDC Division of Reproductive Health:
 - Monthly MCH Epi Team conference call
 - Multiple administrative and online training requirements for CDC completed
 - Met with Dave Goodman (senior scientist for the Team) for discussion of prioritization of findings from birth certificate analyses and plan for multivariate analysis.
 - Attended virtual DRH Grand Rounds presentations on life course indicator development, teen pregnancy

Travel/Meetings/Presentations:

- Quarterly Board Meeting, Pendleton Oregon January 23-25: Gave presentation on "Pregnancy risk factors and birth outcomes among AI/AN women in Oregon and Idaho, 2008-2010".
- Site visit: Yellowhawk Clinic (Umatilla), January 25. Joined meeting on quality improvement for patients, and then met with Karen Cook, FNP, who has brought prenatal care back into the clinic, and Rita Campbell (public health nurse who works directly with Karen in all prenatal clinics and also does home visiting).
- Site visit: Grand Ronde clinic, January 31. Accompanied Nicole Browning, MCH tribal liaison from Oregon Health Authority, for meeting with clinic staff on MCH issues and exchange of information, how state can assist.

Maternal Child Health Projects:

Njeri Karanja, PTOTS PI

Jodi Lapidus, Native CARS PI

Tam Lutz, PTOTS Project Director/Jr Investigator

Nicole Smith, MCH Biostatistician

Native CARS Study

Objectives/Aims

We will use qualitative research methods to identify community-specific concerns and barriers, and incorporate these findings into an effective behavioral change campaign. We will disseminate these results widely, and work with tribes to design tailored community interventions based on theoretical models of health behavior change. Finally, we will assist tribes as they implement and evaluate the interventions through a controlled community trial. During this five-year project we **specifically aim to:**

1. Determine the knowledge of AI community members about child passenger restraint systems, and determine barriers and facilitators that effect consistent and appropriate use in six tribes in the Northwestern US.

2. Work with members of six Northwest tribes to determine effective methods to increase child safety seat use, developing tailored community intervention programs to address unique needs.
3. Implement and evaluate the programs in the Northwest tribal communities, comparing improvement in child passenger restraint use to three comparison tribes in the Northwest through a controlled community trial.

PTOTS Study

Project News & Activities

This quarter Native CARS entered into year 5 of study with phase one tribal sites winding down remaining intervention and entering into maintenance phase, while phase two tribes finalized intervention plans and continued in intervention phase. We also completed data cleaning, analysis and writing activities this quarter. Below is a list of our study progress.

This quarter PTOTS continued to work on PTOTS, data cleaning, analysis, paper writing and site specific reports Below is a list of our study progress.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Meetings - Conference Calls – Presentations – Trainings

- Meeting: FASD presentation workgroup, October
- Meeting: HR Interview Cmtes, Oct-Nov
- Meeting: NRN Board of Directors Conference Call Meetings, Oct-Dec
- Meeting: NRN Face to Face Mtg, Phoenix, AZ, Nov
- Meeting: Attended NW Tribal Injury Prevention Coalition Mtgs, Oct-Nov
- Meeting: State of Oregon AI/AN MCH priorities meeting
- Meeting: Healthy Native Babies workgroup meeting
- Meeting: BRFSS meeting with Cow Creek

Program Support or Technical Assistance

- Compiled FASD presentation for workgroup, Oct
- Constructed and Submitted IRB proposal for NIMHD MV Injury Grant, Oct
- Grant Writing for NIMHD MV Injury planning grant Just In Time documentation and submission, Oct
- Grant Writing for PRAMS grant, Oct
- Klamath, Cow Creek and Nooksack BRFSS questionnaire development Support, Oct-Dec
- BRFSS Analysis Support, Oct-Dec

PTOTS

Meetings - Conference Calls – Presentations – Trainings

- Meeting: Paper updates/review @ NPAIHB and PSU office Oct -Nov
- Meeting: KAB Analysis with Cara, Nov-Dec
- Meeting: 6 month questionnaire mtg at NPAIHB, Nov-Dec

Program Support or Technical Assistance

- Continued work on KAB paper, Oct-Dec
- Continued work on 6 month questionnaire analysis Nov-Dec
- Conduct CHA visit Analysis, Dec
- Submission of Data tables to Investigator for KAB paper, Nov
- Submitted IRB Renewal, Oct

CARS

Meetings - Conference Calls – Presentations – Trainings

- Conference call: (1st Round Site Coordinators), Oct-Dec
- Conference call: (2nd Round Site Coordinators), Oct-Dec
- Meeting: Presented at AAIP mtg, October
- Meeting: Presented at NIMHD mtg, December

Program Support or Technical Assistance

- Round Two Intervention Development Oct-Dec
- Presented at and attended NIMHD Program Mtg, Dec
- Finalized final draft of AJPH
- Processed contract invoices, Oct-Dec
- Drafted, Revised and Submitted NIMHD R24 (CBPR dissemination grant), Oct
- Collected Letters of Support and Biosketches for dissemination grant, Oct
- Drafted and finalized dissemination grant budget, Oct
- Continued CARS analyses – model building, Oct- Dec
- Revisited draft of observation methods paper for IHS Provider, Dec
- Submitted IRB renewal, Oct- Nov
- Typed and Disseminated Project and Site Coordinator Minutes, Oct-Dec
- Qualitative Paper analysis, Nov-Dec

Site Visits

Site Visit: Upper Skagit

Medical Epidemiologist

Thomas Weiser, Epidemiologist (IHS)

New Projects:

Epidemic Intelligence Service Application

Continuing to plan for the next step, which is to recruit an officer (a competitive process) at the EIS Conference in Atlanta in April. In order to participate in this program attendance at the conference is mandatory.

Ongoing Projects:

National Data Warehouse Data Validation

IRB approval received on April 1. Will work with NDW and Oregon Health Authority staff to obtain datasets. A letter for IHS CEOs, Tribal Health Leaders requesting data or permission to access RPMS data directly from clinical sites

Childhood Immunization Coverage, Portland Area,

Outreach and Training: Hosted call on 3/18/13 with 10 attendees. We discussed some of the activities that people thought worked best for flu this past year and generated some ideas for next flu season.

Summer hire program: A larger grant opportunity for public health improvement (9 grants up to \$10,000 each) could be available for this. Info was sent out to immunizations coordinators to apply. Once that is finalized we will determine if further grants specific to immunizations are needed.

Interview/Survey and Focus Group Project: reviewing our coded interviews and focus groups. We will meet with one of our partners from Shoalwater Bay on 4/8 to finalize our reviews and start writing up the report.

Funding to Develop Universal HIV Screening at IHS sites

The training at Cow Creek on March 14th was well attended with over 30 attendees. Funding for HIV/AIDS Awareness is still being distributed. Another funding amount (\$15k) will arrive soon that will likely go to Federal sites.

Improvement Support Team

We met three times in March Our Virtual Site visit with Warm Springs was scheduled for April 4th but had to be postponed due to a family emergency for one of the presenters. We are looking to reschedule for the first or second

week of May. Following the request from the Exec Staff regarding an update on IST activities, I completed a report which I presented to them on March 21. Micah and Ann continue to work on the Aims Statement, with a next draft expected in mid-April. We are still looking to connect with Colville to see what their team is working on and what assistance we can offer. Yakama SU has indicated their interest in rejoining the QILN fold, so we will be reaching out to them in the coming weeks as well

Institutional Review Board

IRB met monthly and we achieved quorum with the exception of the February 13th that was rescheduled, Friday, February 15th with quorum. We have completed reviewing several new protocols and multiple continuing reviews.

Completed Travel and Meetings:

Meetings: 1/15/13: IST Team Building/Planning meeting, Chemawa (Salem, OR)
1/23/13-1/25/13: Quarterly Board Meeting, Pendleton, OR

2/5/13-2/7/13: IPC4 Learning Session 3(virtual)
2/13/13: PA IRB Face to Face Meeting/Training
2/19/13: EIS Site visit
2/28/13: ASH Koh visit to PSU

3/14/13: HIV Training, Cow Creek

Clinic Duty: 1/11/13: Chemawa
1/18/13: Chemawa

2/15/13: Chemawa
2/22/13: Chemawa

3/8/13: Chemawa
3/22/13: Chemawa

[Northwest Native American Research Center for Health \(NARCH\)](#)

Tom Becker, PI

Victoria Warren-Mears, Director

Tom Weiser, Medical Epidemiologist

Tanya Firemoon

Tasha Zaback

Our last Summer Research Training Institute ended in July, 2012, but we began planning again right away for 2013. Last quarter we conducted a needs assessments of 500 former students and members of various Epidemiology Centers nationwide. The Summer Institute for American Indian and Alaska Native health professionals received valuable guidance from the survey participants, and we developed a course list and found instructors for each of the courses. This upcoming effort will be the 9th such effort sponsored by the Board, with input from OHSU faculty and staff, as well as a host of consultants. We were successful in filling up our courses in just a few weeks—Ms. Zaback has done a masterful job at getting the advertisements out and we have about 100 trainees from around the country, almost all American Indian/Alaska Native, already signed up with wait lists for all courses except one. We do expect last minute drop outs, based on our experience from prior years. We are also trying to develop back up plans for instructors in case they get sick or caught in the air traffic, etc.

Before the faculty send in their syllabi and course packs for this summer, we will send them the prior year's evaluations (when relevant or applicable) to help them with any modifications that are indicated. We have started to purchase textbooks and supplies ahead of time, and made all hotel and travel arrangements at this point...although we are sure that additional changes will need to be made. Scholarships have been awarded to many of the out-of-town students to help defray expenses—we provide funds to pay for flights and hotels for as many as possible. Ms. Zaback has established hotel contracts for 2013. Although substantial effort has gone into planning the project for 2013, much work remains to be done. However, we really enjoy this project!

Under NARCH funding, we recruited additional fellows and hope to support a larger group of Board-based scholars who will receive small scholarships to help advance their careers in Indian health. Our carry forward grant request was awarded, and we can make more awards with carry forward money. We have made recent commitments to three trainees, at U of Colorado, Portland State, and U of Minnesota.

The 7th funding cycle for NARCH has been reviewed: we applied for more training grant funds and one epidemiologic study. Consistent with the wishes of the tribal delegates, we competed for funding for a project on substance abuse, and we will try to get our career development grants funded for another cycle. We were informed in a recent call that we may hear about the outcome of the application in July, 2013. No advanced information is available at present.

Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center

Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director

Tacey Casey, Project Manager

Bonnie Bruerd, Prevention Consultant

Bruce Johnson, Clinical Consultant

Kathy Phipps, Epidemiology Consultant

The Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center (NTDSC) continued providing services as specified in the contract. We began our 13th year of operation this fall. Major activities during this quarter included planning of our annual Prevention Coordinators meeting in June and the development of a three-part webinar on pediatric dental services.

Provide clinical and preventive program support.

- Site Visits: Combined prevention and clinical site visits were provided for Skokomish (January), Port Gamble (January), and Lummi (February). Technical assistance was also provided to other programs by phone and email correspondence.
- We developed and implemented a format to assist programs in developing a Quality Improvement Project. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bruerd are implementing this exercise with excellent results during all site visits this year.

Implement an Area-wide surveillance system to track oral health status

- Both the 0-3 and school-age surveys have been completed and results have been distributed to Portland Area dental staff, Health Directors, and Tribal Delegates.

Provide continuing dental education opportunities

- Two hours of continuing dental education credit are provided for dental staff during prevention site visits. This course was revised and implemented by the Nashville Dental Support Center this fiscal year.
- Planning has continued for the annual Prevention Coordinators/Dental Chiefs meeting June 24-25 in Portland, OR. We are anticipating nearly 60 participants who will receive continuing dental education for attending.

- NTDSC will offer 3 webinars on pediatric dentistry for Portland Area dental staff with the goal to increase the comfort of general dentists to treat young children. Dr. Rebecca Slayton, Chair of the Pediatric Dental Department at the University of Washington has contracted with NTDSC to provide the webinars. This will give us an opportunity to provide CDE to all of the dental staff on topics that are in alignment with our ECC objectives. Because we do not have webinar capability, we collaborated with the IHS Head Start Program to manage and record the webinars. The webinars will be posted on the ECC Collaborative webpage so that dental staff nation-wide can view the sessions.

Work with IHS Headquarters and other Dental Support Centers towards meeting national HP/DP objectives.

- NTDSC Prevention Consultant serves as the Portland Area dental representative on the national HP/DP Committee.
- NTDSC Prevention Consultant serves as Co-Chair of the national Early Childhood Caries Collaborative.
- NTDSC consultants participate in email correspondence, national conference calls, and respond to all requests for input on national issues.

A New Challenge

The loss of the IHS Continuing Dental Education Program has reduced opportunities for local dental staff to receive continuing dental education specific to public health settings. This, combined with travel restrictions, will put more responsibility on NTDSC to fill this gap. We are currently exploring the provision of CDE credits through Area-wide webinars.

THRIVE (Tribal Health: Reaching out InVolves Everyone)

Colbie Caughlan, Project Manager

Site Visits

Tribal Site Visits

- Siletz Tribes, OR 9 Tribes Meetings, January 15-16, 2013
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, QBM, January 23, 2013

Out of Area Tribal Site Visits

- Native Men and Women's Wellness Conference, San Diego, CA, March 17-20, 2013

Technical Assistance & Training

During the quarter, project staff participated in thirteen meetings and conference calls with program partners.

During the quarter, THRIVE partners solicited a second round of feedback regarding the sexual assault and domestic violence prevention media campaign at the NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting in Pendleton, OR and the Native Men and Women's Wellness Conference in San Diego, CA from January to March of 2013. Project staff also participated in five webinars re: substance abuse, bullying, suicide or sexual assault prevention. Staff presented at three meetings or conferences this quarter including the January QBM, January Oregon 9 Tribes meetings, and the Wellness Conference in

March. Staff facilitated one *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)* at the NARA Northwest Wellness Center in February 2013 for 25 attendees that work with Tribal populations.

During the quarter, the MSPI project responded to 62 phone or email requests for suicide-related technical assistance including requesting suicide prevention focusing on youth bullying media campaign materials and for the new / *Strengthen My Nation* substance abuse prevention media campaign materials.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

THRIVE Media Campaign: All THRIVE promotional materials are available on the web. Materials include: a logo, three community murals, posters, fact sheet, t-shirts, note pads, and window decals.

During the quarter, THRIVE continued developing new materials addressing and domestic violence prevention. This campaign will include a survivor and materials will include posters, factsheets, t-shirts, magnets, a new logo, and radio public service announcements.



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Other Administrative Responsibilities

Grants/Reporting

- Staff submitted monthly reports to IHS for the National Media Campaign funds and on March 31, 2013, submitted the semi-annual report and budget for year four of MSPI.

Administrative Duties

- Budget tracking and maintenance, managed project POs, worked on the *Pregnancy Assistance Fund* grant from the Office of Adolescent Health that is due April 10th.

Tribal Epicenter Consortium

Bridget Canniff, Project Director

Colbie Caughlan, Project Coordinator

Communication, Coordination and Planning

- *Coordination with TECC partners*
 - On hold, pending additional funding
- *Coordination with CDC/ASTHO (funding)*
 - On hold, pending any future RFA
- *Coordination/collaboration with NPAIHB EpiCenter projects*
 - Ongoing collaboration with IDEA-NW staff, others on community health profiles project.

Activities

- Tribal Health Profiles Project – collaboration with IDEA-NW
 - Workgroup meetings on 2/19, 3/24
 - Workgroup members met with Celeste Davis, IHS on 2/27 to review Environmental Health indicators and data sources, and coordinate THP efforts with upcoming IHS tribal EH/IP assessment plans
 - Created EpiCenter tribal priorities survey for administration to THDs, Delegates at April QBM via survey monkey w/ paper backup; includes questions on profile preferences
 - Attended NPAIHB data meetings on 2/11 and 2/25 meetings to hear updates on available data, current projects
- Northwest Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

- Participating in the planning committee – attended meetings on 3/14, 3/28
- Assisting with logistics, feedback on conference materials, and online surveys to gather input, speaker applications, and registration
- TEC Health Profile Working Group (HPWG) – a joint project of the 12 current EpiCenters
 - Pending: References and all remaining edits nearly complete, awaiting final edits for report completion

Site Visits

- 1/23-1/25 - QBM at CTUIR, Pendleton, OR

Future Meetings/Travel

- 4/12-4/13 – Injury Prevention IHS grantee meeting, Denver, CO
- 5/14 – Risky Business health risks training @ Kalispel/Northern Quest, Spokane, WA

I. SAMHSA PROJECT NARRATIVE

Nak-nu-wit (pronounced Nock-new-it)

My duties as the Principal Investigator and Project Director include oversight, monitoring and providing TA for the duties of NARA, RRI, and PSU training contracts.

Monitor the following duties of NARA:

- Maintain operation of Steering and Operations Committees
- Maintain Advisory Council membership
- Hiring of key staff
- Execution of MOU's with Partners
- Development of six-year Strategic Plan
- Development and monitoring of quality management plan
- Development of approach for service integration
- Development a Sustainability plan
- Provision of documentation for non-federal match per budget
- Creation of service delivery model for:
 - Native children and youth, ages 9 to 21 years old, who are residents of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington count in Oregon and Clark county in Washington.
 - Youth with co-occurring emotional disturbance and substance abuse diagnosis
 - Transition age youth
 - Children and youth involved in at least two systems
- Provision of comprehensive culturally sensitive behavioral health services
 - Assessment and diagnosis
 - Case Management
 - Care plans
 - Treatment
 - Traditional healing services
- Preparation of monthly and yearly process and other evaluation reports for submission to NPAIHB using SAMHSA reporting guidelines.

Monitor the following duties of the Regional Research Institute (PSU):

- Participation in the evaluation advisory group comprised of AI/AN youth and family members from the Portland-metro area
- Conduction of regular meetings with the evaluation advisory group.
- Hiring of evaluation project staff.

- Collaboration with Nak-Nu-Wit project staff and Advisory Board on local evaluation activities, including design of evaluation tools and protocol development, data analysis, reporting methods to the local community, and document reviews.
- Collaboration with Nak-Nu-Wit project staff and Advisory Board on national evaluation activities (i.e. input on the process which data is collected).
- Submission of continuation for IRB approval.
- Preparation of monthly and yearly process and other evaluation reports for submission to NPAIHB using SAMHSA reporting guidelines.
- Attendance at bi-annual grantee meetings and evaluation-specific trainings required by SAMHSA.
- Attend advisory meetings as needed.
- Participation in national Technical Assistance Partnership site visits and the National Indian Child Welfare Association site visit.
- Participation in evaluation and project related conference calls.

Monitor the following duties of the Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services (PSU):

- Provision at least one representative to attend monthly advisory board meetings
- Provision of technical assistance to the trainer based at NARA for the following activities:
 - With advice and consent from the advisory board, recruit and hire a Nak Nu Wit Training Manager to develop a full menu of training activities and to provide some training programs.
 - Create a workforce development advisory committee (reporting to the advisory board)
- Provision of training and orientation activities sufficient to prepare all Clinicians, Care Coordinators, and Family Partners to be ready to accept clients starting.
- Input of workforce development advisory committee and reporting to the Nak Nu Wit Advisory Board, develop a proposed schedule of training, coaching, and other workforce development activities necessary to realize project goals.
- Provision of evaluation of training delivery and learning outcomes.
- Conduction of activities in such a way as to leave a sustainable workforce development infrastructure for sponsoring agencies in years beyond the end of grant funding.
- Participation with Nak Nu Wit Advisory Board and the School of Social Work to conduct development activities to promote the sustainability of training activities.



Evaluation Activities:

January

- **Individualized tracking sheets**
 - The Interviewers are continuing to update their individualized tracking sheets.
 - The Project Manager also continues to maintain her tracking sheet.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Continuing to submit the Monthly Evaluation Reports (MEARs) each month.
 - The annual IRB for the longitudinal evaluation study was submitted.
 - Data cleaning of the issues shown in the Data Issue Report (DIR) was completed by the team.
 - The evaluation team installed software updates for their computers.
 - Additional gift cards and bus tickets were purchased for study participants.
 - The first set of family progress reports were completed for families by the evaluation team and will be shared via email, mail, or in person with the youth and caregivers if they expressed interest in receiving their report.
 - Staff prepared a draft of the E-team newsletter, which highlighted a Teen E-Team youth member, data findings from a local evaluation, findings from youth outcomes, a Native American corn soup recipe and child's game, while also highlighting some Native American youth inspired art.
- **Meetings/Trainings/Presentations**
 - The evaluation team continues to have weekly team meetings.

- Eleanor and Danielle continue to have weekly individual meetings.
- The evaluation team continues to hold monthly evaluation team (E-team) meetings.
- Eleanor and Danielle met with Terry and Dr. Frizzell this month.
- Eleanor and Danielle attended the steering committee meeting and share the CQI reports.
- Eleanor and Danielle met with the NARA care coordinators to discuss the coding for the second local study.
- Eleanor and Danielle submitted a workshop presentation proposal for the next grantee meeting.
- Danielle provided training to the family interviewers and intern on completing family progress reports for the families.
- Danica continues to meet with youth weekly at NARA to talk about the evaluation of Nak-Nu Wit services.
- Danica continues to facilitate monthly Teen E-Team meetings.
- **Case Counts and Status Updates**
 - The evaluation team received 7 new cases this month.
 - The data collectors continue to schedule baseline and follow-up interviews.

Case Updates

Total Cases Received: 103

Sibling in Evaluation: 18

Family Declined to Participate: 5

Family Did Not Respond to Contact: 9

Family Never Received Services: 12

Refused to participate any longer: 1

Family moved: 3

Unable to Participate: 4

Family in Crisis: 2

In Progress: 1

Families Enrolled in Evaluation: 48

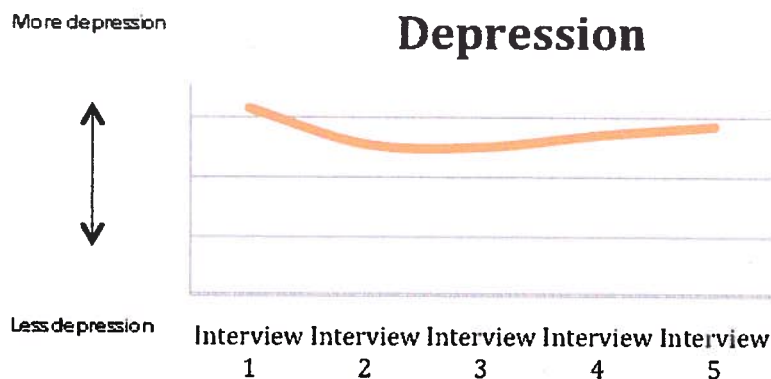
E-Team

Family Progress Reports

The group worked on finalizing the language to be used in the Family Progress Report (FPR). For many of the surveys used in the National Evaluation, the language is not always strengths-based, and we want to make sure we are using the most non-judgmental, and respectful language possible.

Depending on how people respond to a set of questions, their score is calculated and that score falls into a range of classifications. For example, one scale ranged from “Very superior” to “Poor,” which is not very family-friendly. The group worked on creating other options for those ranges, using more positive and respectful language. If the graph was representing school functioning, it would now say “meeting school functioning goals” on the high end, and “experiencing barriers to school functioning goals.” See the example graph below:

Within the Family Progress Reports, there are graphs to show a youth’s progress in many areas of their life over the past two years. Graphs are labeled by their interview from left to right, and the group worked on improving the language to describe the up and down part of the graph. For a graph representing depression, instead of the high range being labeled something like “clinical range” and “non-clinical range,” the more neutral option is “higher depression” and “lower depression.” See the example graph below:



Local Evaluation Findings

The evaluation team decided to not review preliminary local evaluation findings for the Strengths and Healing study until the next meeting because so few people attended this month's meeting.

New Local Evaluation Update

The evaluation team shared an update on the new Local Evaluation study. This study just received Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. It was explained that this new study was developed through conversations with Nak-Nu-Wit service staff. The group worked together to develop focus group questions regarding the integration of culture and identity into the service experience for families. Two focus groups will be conducted with staff in various roles, for example, Therapists, Care Coordinators, Family Partners, Youth Engagement Specialists, and Cultural Advisors. The information from the focus groups will then be used to create a survey for families to ask questions regarding their experiences of having culture integrated into their service experience.

Winter Newsletter

Danica announced that she is working on the new winter newsletter. She asked a youth on the Steering Committee if he had any ideas about a logo he might like for the youth Evaluation Advisory Committee. They brainstormed some ideas, and Danica will be working with an artist to create a few designs. She will present the designs at the next E-team meeting with the youth.

Evaluation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- Discussed Family Progress Report.
 - Teen E-Team members gave some helpful feedback about the language in the report and some changes that could be made.
- Decided to create a logo for the Teen E-Team.
 - The logo will be created by Nakota Designs (a Native based graphic design company). These ideas will be presented in February and the Teen E-Team will vote on the design at this time.
- Applications for the Society for American Indian Government Employees
 - This application is for the Youth Program National Training program, held in Washington in June 2013.
- Discussion on what to include in the program reports.
- Meetings with youth will continue to be held weekly on Wednesdays.

February

- **Individualized tracking sheets**
 - The Interviewers are continuing to update their individualized tracking sheets.
 - The Project Manager also continues to maintain her tracking sheet.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - We are continuing to submit the Monthly Evaluation Reports (MEARs) each month.
 - The evaluation team reviewed the Family Progress Reports, created templates for caregiver and youth reports and made adjustments to the wording based on the average reading level.
 - The first set of family progress reports (FPR's) were mailed out to participants who have completed their 24

month longitudinal interview (see de-identified sample FPR attached).

- Survey Monkey was used to create an online survey for individual participants who decide to provide feedback on their Family Progress Reports online.
- Danica completed the E-team newsletter and sent them out to families participating in the evaluation (see Attached).
- The evaluation team pulled data for the E-team newsletter.
- The evaluation team completed data entry for the local evaluation.
- The IHB approved the IRB for both the renewal application and the NOM's addendum.
- **Meetings/Trainings/Presentations**
 - The evaluation team continues to have weekly team meetings.
 - Eleanor and Danielle continue to have weekly individual meetings.
 - The evaluation team continues to hold monthly evaluation team (E-team) meetings.
 - Eleanor and Danielle met with Terry and Linda this month.
 - Danielle attended the steering committee meeting.
 - Eleanor met with all evaluation team members to conduct performance reviews.
 - Danica met with the teen E-team three times during this month and worked on applications for the SAIGE conference in June.
 - There was a check in call with Connie regarding data file issues.
 - Technical assistance call with Connie was completed this month.
- **Case Counts and Status Updates**
 - The evaluation team received 4 new cases this month.
 - The data collectors continue to schedule baseline and follow-up interviews.

Case Updates

Total Cases Received: 107

Sibling in Evaluation: 18

Family Declined to Participate: 5

Family Did Not Respond to Contact: 9

Family Never Received Services: 12

Refused to participate any longer: 13

Family moved: 3

Unable to Participate: 4

Family in Crisis: 1

In Progress: 4

Families Enrolled in Evaluation: 50

Winter Newsletter

Danica shared the draft winter newsletter with the team and asked for feedback. The group commented on how nice this newsletter is and provided some feedback. The newsletter will be mailed out soon to evaluation participants, and is attached to the email with these meeting minutes.

The group discussed that it would be good to include some data that has been collected through Nak-Nu-Wit regarding police brutality and police discrimination in the next newsletter. It was also suggested that we include information about Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) police. They are trained on handling situations when police have been called on a person who is struggling with mental health issues.

SOC Grantee Meeting Presentation Proposal

The evaluation team announced that they submitted a proposal to present at this year's grantee meeting this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. The team's proposal was focused on developing

Family Progress Reports (FPR's) and how the community participated in that process.

Second Local Evaluation Study Update

The evaluation team provided an update regarding the second Local Evaluation study "Residential Treatment Transition Plan Rating." The evaluation team met with Nak-Nu-Wit staff to begin collecting data for this study. Data collection will be ongoing throughout the life of the Nak-Nu-Wit grant.

Data collected for this study is through case record review. Specific concerns identified were in regard to the lack of transition plans being provided by residential treatment centers for youth who have been discharged from services. Nak-Nu-Wit staff felt this is concerning because they think families are not being prepared for youth's re-entry back into their homes or foster placements- resulting in youth returning to residential treatment frequently. This case record review will look at whether families are getting discharge plans, what the quality of those plans are, and how prepared families are (if at all) at discharge.

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March

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 - The evaluation team contacted families about their Family Progress Reports to follow up and receive feedback.
 - The evaluation team continues to create and mail out Family Progress Reports for those families who have completed their 24 month interviews.
 - The evaluation team contacted families who have received their Family Progress Reports to discuss any questions the caregiver or youth had.
 - The evaluation team continues to enter data for the Strengths and Healing local evaluation.
 - Danica and the teen leaders worked on a service learning project at NARA by cleaning up the facility.
 - Danica is creating an outline of goals and approaches she hopes to use in engaging youth in evaluation and leadership.
- **Meetings/Trainings/Presentations**
 - The evaluation team continues to have weekly team meetings.
 - Eleanor and Danielle continue to have weekly individual meetings.
 - Danielle attended the Steering Committee meeting.
 - There was a technical assistance call with Connie, Linda, and Terry this month.
 - Danica led the teen E-team meeting this month.
 - The evaluation team is participating in the CMHI National Evaluation Roundtable discussion call with the focus on tribal children and youth.
- **Case Counts and Status Updates**

- The evaluation team received 1 new case this month.
- The data collectors continue to schedule baseline and follow-up interviews.

Case Updates

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In Progress: 2

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Nak-Nu-Wit Evaluation Advisory Council Minutes February 20, 2013

Announcements

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PSU Training Activities

January

Staff Development: Consultation/Training Sessions

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PSU staff are also working with Nak-Nu-Wit clinical manager and staff to develop internal training capacity for sustainability of the project. To this effort, Nak-Nu-Wit staff are being trained in the major components of Wraparound practice and training platform skills. One-on-one consultation is also provided to an identified team coach and developing trainer.

Program Support and Training Development

PSU provides on-going support for program development. To that effort, PSU staff are active participants and consultants in Nak-Nu-Wit workgroups, meet as needed with the Nak-Nu-Wit Administration, and meet regularly with the Training Coordinator and Clinical Supervisor. PSU staff also meet with PSU program evaluators and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Nak-Nu-Wit Program Director Dr. Linda Frizzell, to address grant requirements.

- 1/9/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Training Committee
- 1/9/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Advisory Committee
- 1/24/13 Phone meeting with NARA CEO
- 1/24/13 Meeting with Nak-Nu-Wit/PSU evaluators
- 1/24/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Steering Committee Meeting
- 1/25/13 Phone meeting with Training Coordinator

This month PSU staff co-presented a NICWA webinar: "Tribal Equity Toolkit: Tribal Resolutions and Codes to Support Two Spirits & LGBT Justice in Indian Country" with Se-ah-dom Edmo, the Director of Indigenous Ways of Knowing at Lewis and Clarke University. This is the first guide for Two Spirit and LGBT equity in Indian Country. The Toolkit was created by the Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, the Indigenous Ways of Knowing Program (IWOK) at Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling and the Western States Center, the Pride Foundation and Basic Rights Oregon. The presentation discussed the purpose of the toolkit and how it was utilized to train tribal Systems of Care staff in Portland, Oregon.

Promotion of Professional Pathways

In addition to providing staff development and community training and support for the Nak-Nu-Wit grant, the Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services has a commitment to partner with others to create pathways to professional education for NARA staff and other community members with cultural expertise. To this effort, PSU has brought together PSU educators, Native education and human service organization representatives, and interested community members to discuss ideas and work on strategies towards this goal.

Towards this goal, PSU Center staff has continued to meet with other Native educators to explore processes and programming that support recruitment and support of Native American students. This group, called "Native Ways", convenes people from across campus and within Social Work involved in the educational success of American Indian / Alaska Native students. The purpose is to build pathways to higher education, and specifically social work education, for Native people who are interested in careers in human services. The goal is that anytime a Native organization has an opening, there will be multiple applicants with the professional skills and cultural capital to fill the position. This group is partnering with the Center for Native Education on campus and the Native American Student Center.

Activities towards this goal include meeting with staff from the Native American Youth Association and Title Nine Indian Education to discuss informational career presentations to high school students on careers in social services.

This month committee members continued to develop a School of Social Work brochure specific to AI/AN prospective students to bring to any potential recruitment events. Staff also had an informational table at the Portland Indian Education High School College Night Event.

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- 2/1/13 Train-the-Trainer Coaching Session with Nak Nu Wit Staff member

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- 2/22/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Steering Committee Meeting

Promotion of Professional Pathways

In addition to providing staff development and community training and support for the NARA/Nak Nu Wit System of Care grant, the Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services has a commitment to partner with others to create pathways to professional education for NARA staff and other community members with cultural expertise. To this effort, PSU has brought together PSU educators, Native education and human service organization representatives, and interested community members to discuss ideas and work on strategies towards this goal.

Towards this goal, PSU Center staff has continued to meet with other Native educators to explore processes and programming that support recruitment and support of AI/AN students. This group, called "Native Ways", convenes people from across campus and within Social Work involved in the educational success of AI/AN students. The purpose is to build pathways to higher education, and specifically social work education, for Native people who are interested in careers in human services. The goal is that anytime a Native organization has an opening, there will be multiple applicants with the professional skills and cultural capital to fill the position. This group is partnering with the Center for Native Education on campus and the Native American Student Center.

In efforts to develop sustainability, this month the Native Ways group submitted a Letter of Inquiry for on-going funding to continue the work of developing social service professional pathways for AI/AN prospective students.

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March

Staff Development: Consultation/Training Sessions

PSU staff provides Wraparound training and consultation sessions for Nak-Nu-Wit project staff. Consultation sessions serve as follow up to earlier trainings on Wraparound and provided a vehicle to discuss culturally specific application of the Wraparound model in work with American Indian and Alaska Native urban youth and families.

PSU staff are also working with Nak-Nu-Wit clinical manager and staff to develop internal training capacity for sustainability of the project. Nak-Nu-Wit staff are being trained in the major components of Wraparound practice and training platform skills. One-on-one consultation is also provided to an identified team coach and developing trainer. Due to illness, team consultation was cancelled this month.

- 3/12/13 Train-the-Trainer Coaching Session with Nak Nu Wit Staff member
- 3/13/13 Service Team Consultation (6 participants)

Program Support and Training Development

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- 3/13/13 Meeting with Nak-Nu-Wit Training Coordinator
- 3/13/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Training Committee Meeting (10 participants)
- 3/13/13 Nak-Nu-Wit Community Advisory Committee Meeting (11 participants)

PSU staff also facilitated a conversation and meeting with Nak-Nu-Wit supervisor and staff and a representative from the SAMHSA grantee site Urban Trails, based in the San Francisco Native American Health Clinic. The focus of the meeting was to discuss ways that Nak-Nu-Wit staff might offer TA and share their expertise in developing a culturally based system of care approach to serving AI/AN youth and families. This opportunity would further the goal of sustainability and information dissemination for the Nak-Nu-Wit system of care project.

- 3/20/13 Network Meeting with Urban Trails staff member and Nak-Nu-Wit staff and supervisor to discuss possible TA opportunities for Nak-Nu-Wit

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Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Program April 2013 Quarterly Board Report : January-March 2013

Special projects

- Completion of NTCCP IPR and continuation
 - Budget, narrative, and MIS
- Finalize Tobacco NTCCP coalition meeting
 - 8 registered
 - May 8th & 9th Northern Quest - Spokane
 - June 5&6 Portland
- Oregon Health Authority
 - OR TPEP grants
 - Oregon chronic disease plan
- Colorectal Cancer Toolkit
 - Hired intern to complete to pilot stage
 - Updated on current draft – orientation to project – create tools for curriculum
- BRFSS progress (Tribe #1 complete)
 - BRFSS Tribe #2 Hired research assistant and update tribal roll
 - IRB letter of approval for exemption
 - Training for research assistant NPAIHB on questionnaire and protocol
 - Tribe #3 – IRB materials updated
 - Continued – substance abuse questions – eliminating some sections
 - Plan to submit to IRB (April)
 - Tribe 4 – in process
- SB 770 meeting
 - Presentation of CDC tribal aggregate report for change tool
 - Joint with OHA
 - Tribal discussion of CRC screening toolkit
- Project coordinator annual evaluation
 - Preparation and completed
- IDEA project director
 - Project matrix complete
 - Three interviews -
- Registry protocol for AIMS
 - Presented to NARA clinical staff and survivor group – community interviews scheduled
 - Nine interviews from WA tribal cancer survivor group
 - To date: 100 interviews conducted
 - Training new research assistant on AIMS interviews
- Risky Business planning for Northern Quest and Portland
 - Topic and speakers
 - Venue – travel
- Northwest Tribal Cancer Plan Local Implementation Funding
 - Applications disseminated to 43 NW tribes and T/A provided
 - Eight Tribes awarded to date

- Development for project with Washington State Comp Cancer
 - Colorectal screening toolkit (draft to pilot for WA tribes)
 - \$30,000 – needed a shelf project
- Appointment Companion dissemination
- Cancer Navigation on Native American Calling radio program
- Oregon Cancer Survivorship workgroup teleconference planning

Technical assistance

- Contact with all NW tribes
- TA for cancer resources to tribal programs
- TA for Grande Ronde and Siletz – tobacco policy
- Umatilla Tribe
 - Assistance in connecting up Tribal member traveling from Portland
- Shoshone Bannock Tribes
 - Resources for new Cancer Navigator
- Squaxin Island Tribe
 - Kiki travel to hosted event for SPIPA member tribes
 - Chair Exercise training
- Swinomish Tribe
 - Kiki travel logistics planning
- Colville Tribes
 - Kiki travel logistics planning

Meetings/Conferences

Oregon Cancer Survivorship meeting

SPIPA Cancer Advisory meeting

Nutrition Council of Oregon

Oregon Cancer Survivorship workgroup

Conference calls

- 2013 American Association for Cancer Education meeting planning
- AACE meeting planning call
- BRFSS conference call
- CDC project officer
- IHS Colorectal Cancer Taskforce call
- Meet for Webinar: “Research Relevant to the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act
- National Healthy Worksite
- SOE call – contractors update
- TLDC conference call – Portland area
- Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? - Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity

Western Tribal Diabetes Project April Quarterly Board Report January-March 2013

Trainings

DMS training – Portland Oregon

Off- site training at Aberdeen Area – 12 participants trained

Site Visits

- Squaxin Island site visit, Mar 25
- Squaxin Island chair aerobics March 1 & 2

- Skokomish site visit, Mar 25-27
 - Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde : Chart Reviews
 - Confederated Tribes of Siletz: Chair Aerobics

Special projects

- Completion of WTDP semiannual report
 - Submitted Grants solution March 30th
- Recruitment of work Healthy Lifestyle Training
 - 30 registered @Marriott – Darryl Tonemah April 2013
 - Logistics for trainer, participants and hotel in placeConfirmation email
 - Registration questions/ Marriott
 - Contacting guest trainer
 - Meal order
- Native Fitness – July 30th and 31st 2012 X
 - Outreach and registration underway
 - Hotel contact and visits
 - Working on contracts
- Updated Shortcut and Reference Manual
 - Reflect new audit measures
 - Updating HSR to reflect audit measures
- Nutrition in the Womb workshop
 - OHSU series -
- Colorectal Cancer Toolkit
 - New hire – Sara
 - Orientation – take draft to pilot – development of tools for curriculum
- SB 770 meeting
 - Presentation of CDC tribal aggregate report for change tool
 - Planning with Coquille tribe for CRST pilot site
- BRFSS progress
 - BRFSS Tribe #2 Position and interview forms complete
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 - Scheduling stragglers
 - 100 interviews conducted
 - Training new research assistant on AIMS interviews
- Risky Business planning for Northern Quest and Portland
 - Recruitment to diabetes and tobacco coordinators
 - Sent through area diabetes list serve
- DMS Training
 - March 12th -14th
 - Study/ overview of curriculum
 - Correspondence to set up DMS training in Oklahoma City for summer/fall
- Aberdeen DMS Training
 - Corresponded with Nancy Haugen for training
 - Training March 19th -21st

Technical assistance via telephone/email

- Albuquerque Area IHS Diabetes Program, ADA Dental Codes that are in the taxonomies,, they just use Provider (Dentist) Visits, or Visit Codes to dental clinics, to determine if a dental visit
- Billing- Web Audit/ Visual DMS training
- Chehalis, emailed to set up site visit April 10 & 11
- Chehalis, diabetes registry for her midyear grant report
- Colville - HSR and audit
- Coquille Tribe – Assist web audit
- Gerald L Ignace Indian Health Center
- Grand Ronde – chart audit and web upload
- Port Gamble S'Klallam, audit report and web audit
- Quileute, taxonomies
- Skokomish, (2) audit, HSR,
- Squaxin Island, codes for HTN, and CAD, and every DM code that RPMS, created a DM code list from QMAN, session logged it
- Squaxin Island,(3) web audit, HER, taxonomies
- Tulalip, (3) discussed the taxonomies for the updated DMS patch
- Umatilla (2), ta pre-diabetes registers (she didn't have the security keys), and then about adding patients
- Warm Springs,(2) taxonomy questions, and request to attend the diabetes training
- Winslow Indian Health Care, updated version of the HSR

Meetings/Conferences

Moore Family Center Nutrition Conference-OSU

ADC meeting (3)

Conference calls

- Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? - Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity
- TLDC conference call – Portland area
- National Healthy Worksite
- TLDC conference call – Portland area
- Meet for Webinar: "Research Relevant to the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act
- Childhood Obesity – Dr. Kelly Moore
- Annual required SDPI orientation
- Six steps to Policy – National Tribal Tobacco Network

NPAIHB Information Technology Department

Quarterly Report for April 2013

Overview

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has a high level of office automation and extensive information services. The staff uses desktop computers, laptops, PDAs and office equipment that require periodic maintenance. This is in addition to 11 servers and other electronic equipment housed in a secure and temperature-controlled server room. The Board also has a 24 station training room using Dell PCs and Microsoft Terminal Server technology. The purchase of technical equipment, configuration, and maintenance is handled by the department director and the network administrator. The Meaningful Use Project is now a part of the IT Department and it's activities will be part of this report.

Strategic Priorities by Functional Area

Technical Assistance and Training

Setup, supported or attended the following trainings and conferences:

- NIHB All Sub-recipient Monthly conference calls
- NIHB – NPAIHB weekly status update calls
- National MU Team monthly meetings
- National Pharmacy Council monthly meeting
- Pharmacy Informatics Training – Planning Calls, weekly
- E-Prescribing monthly status calls
- ONC Meaningful Use CoP calls, bi weekly
- Pharmacy PSG – RX GUI Workgroup bi weekly calls
- Pharmacy PSG monthly meetings ONC Annual meeting
- MU Stage 2 discussion conference calls
- IHS MU Local Portland Area meeting and site visit
- IHS/NIHB joint Milestone 3 strategic session
- MU Readiness Office Hours by IHS National MU Team
- Native 'It's Your Game' Training
- QMAN/VGEN Reporting RPMS
- IHS EHR Behavioral Health Training for CACs
- Portland Role Based Acquisition Training Requirements and Planning Session
- Hot Topics session
- PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOP
- RPMS / DMS Diabetes Training
- RPMS / Ref Lab Training
- TEOC University

Presentations:

- MU overview for Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Technical Assistance Highlights:

- Site visit to Muckleshoot for MU readiness/pharmacy help
- Trouble shooting with various sites – eRx failures at Tulalip, Note title/Business Rule problems at Siletz, Note template problems at Nisqually, Consult problems at Swinomish, Patient Wellness Handout problems at Lake Roosevelt
- MU support for A/I/U – Yakama Behavioral Health, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Neah Bay, Cow Creek
- Milestone 2 work for Cow Creek, Lummi, and Lower Elwha
- MS3 attained for 3 more providers, bringing total to 35 providers (25% of REC providers)
- Completed contract with WIREC to assist onsite with Security Risk Analysis for tribal sites
- Work with NextGen sites and assessing needs, contacting outside consulting groups
- Work with PEI for delivery of drug file services to Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Squaxin Island, and Lower Elwha
- Work with National eRx Deployment team to move forward with NARA, Cow Creek, Swinomish, and Lower Elwha for eRx deployment
- Work on clarifying budget for the project
- NIHB on site visit – program review, future planning
- Weekly meetings with Tulalip on drug file maintenance
- Work with new CACs and Swinomish and Siletz
- Work with Area Office on providing MU updates for Area and more specifics for Federal sites
- Planning with sites due to do 90 day MU this year
- Planning for Tribal Health Director's Meeting on the Future of EHRs in Indian Country
- Setup all accounts (security, phone, network, parking, email) for new staff
- Trouble shooting with various sites
- Renewed assorted contracts for services and group annual software licenses
- Installed various software packages on staff PCs, servers, PDAs and laptops
- Maintained Board website, email lists, and property database
- Coordinated office space and equipment for all new staff/temps/interns
- Reviewed all data, phone, and copier bills