

**HRSA SPNS Border Health Grantees Meeting  
Dissemination Committee Meeting Notes  
01-08-04**

**Attending:** Veronica Salcido-Harding, Michelle Valverde, Steve Trujillo, Tony Estrada, Barbara Estrada, Bob Smith, Elias Cantu, Yolanda Cantu, America Jones, John Wiebe, Patricia Licon, Rosana Scolari, Alisa Olshefsky, Lois Eldred, Adan Cajina, Sandra Duggan, David Barney, Betty Duran, Herman Curiel, Marguerite Keese, and Lynda Williams

**Meeting began at 1:00 pm.**

**Discussion of Standard Group Name and Acknowledgement Line:**

**1. Standardized Group Name:**

U.S. – Mexico Border HIV/AIDS Collaborative

**2. Standardized Acknowledgements:**

Multi-site: Individual grantee cites, OU, HRSA, each university, and OU grant award number. Should include Organization name and place located (city, state). OU/HRSA has a clause that can be used for HRSA and grant number.

Local papers: Local collaborators, evaluation group, HRSA, university local grant number. Should include Organization name and place located (city, state). OU/HRSA has a clause that can be used for HRSA and grant number.

**3. Standardized Methodology Section:**

Think about a little more, on next phone conference discuss what minimum elements we want in the methodology section.

**Agenda Item 1: Dr. David Barney – Descriptive paper on the Sociodemographic and health status characteristics of persons living with HIV in the U.S/Mexico International Border region.**

Dr. Barney distributed a draft of the proposed paper. Planning to update to include 1/04 data to make more current. Findings will not change with update. Asked for group input on introduction and conclusions. This is a demographic descriptive paper. Targeting to publish in JAMA. Please provide suggestions about what to include. Need to work on Introduction, Epidemiological data on the border and conclusions. Co-authors include Tony Estrada (Conclusions, Review), Yolanda Cantu (Intro, Review) Michelle Valverde (Conclusions, Review), John Wiebe (Conclusions, Review), Mari L. Zúñiga de Nuncio (need to check with), Betty Duran, Adan Cajina and general work group. Everyone who has agreed to work on the paper is to come up with comments including different wording for title and specifications for sample description and send to David and not use time in this meeting to do this type of work. Hour long conference call scheduled for

2/9/04, 10:30 am (Central Time). By this time members need to have read the paper and sent written comments to everyone in the group. David and Betty to email the paper to everyone so that they can make edits directly to a copy of the paper. It will be sent as is now and then send Betty's and Yolanda's comments to the group.

**Agenda Item 2: Yolanda Cantu – Use of healthcare services in Mexico by HIV+ persons living along the US/Mexico Border.**

Co-Authors: Betty Duran, Michelle Valverde, Mari L. Zúñiga de Nuncio, Tony or Barbara Estrada and John Wiebe.

Presented introduction, citations and a couple of tables on gender characteristics. Need direction from group on how to proceed on the analysis/analytical plan. Yolanda will develop a timeline and spell out what support she needs. Also, Yolanda needs literature on health care utilization and HIV/AIDS. Any literature that you have or know about please send Yolanda the references.

**Agenda Item 3: Michelle Valverde, Marguerite Keese and Herman Curiel – Identifying perceived barriers by gender to HIV/AIDS care by Hispanics residing along the US/Mexico border: The role of ties to Mexico.**

The team presented preliminary findings from the paper including introduction, results and possible conclusions. The group stressed that the findings were preliminary and that feedback was needed to make sure that the analysis was done correctly and nothing was overlooked.

1. A program staff work group was put together to look at the findings of the paper and provide feedback regarding appropriate programmatic conclusions that would be useful in program improvement. This work group includes America Jones, Rosana Scolari, Elias Cantu, Veronica Salcido-Harding and Adan Cajina.
2. Methodological suggestions included: adjust for Type I error with Bonferroni, determine correlation between ties to Mexico and acculturation scale, redo analysis with Hispanics only, use ties as predictor if significantly correlated with acculturation and missing still hinders the use of the acculturation scale itself, run ties in regression before separating out, consider presenting at All Titles meeting, possible interactions effects (too sick or weak and total barriers, etc), consider submitting to AIDS Education and Prevention or Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Science for publication.

Due to the methodological suggestions by the group it was determined the paper and presentation would be refocused and adjustments made in the new analysis for Type I error. It was further determined that the presentation would not be placed on the web at this time due to concerns with Type I error. Identify the limitations of the questions we are working with. Questions to be asked in future projects – “ How easy/difficult is it to maneuver through the system.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Tony Estrada – Depression, Health Status & Quality of Life.**

A copy of the APHA presentation made in November was handed out to the group. Tony wants to develop this presentation into a paper. There is still some analysis that has to be done and he needs to make sure he has all the variables needed including time since diagnosis and progression of disease. He would like to develop a more multivariate analysis. Wants the group to take a look at the presentation and provide comments. Hope to have draft of manuscript before the next meeting. Co-authors: John Wiebe, Marguerite Keese, Mari L. Zúñiga de Nuncio, Sandi Duggan (review), Herman Curiel (review).

#### **Agenda Item 5: D. Barney & H. Curiel – HRSA monograph outline.**

Program staff will be the lead authors on the monograph with assistance from the local evaluators. Dr. Curiel will work with you on this project, do reviews and editing. OU will also hire a writer to assist with this project and Adan Cajina indicated that HRSA may have some resources available for assistance. Journal of HIV/AIDS have indicated an interest in a special issue for the border. Outline developed by group for the HRSA monograph can be assessed at [http://www.ou.edu/border/monograph\\_outline.htm](http://www.ou.edu/border/monograph_outline.htm). May want to add some qualitative stories. El Paso and San Ysidro would like their qualitative interviews to use in writing the monograph. Betty will send to them next week. This will probably require a lot of time and with an end of the year turn around. It was suggested that a writer or editor could be included as a line item in each projects budget to assist locally.

Timeline: Have draft of the monograph for the August meeting. Please use your local evaluators if you need help.

#### **Additional Discussion: Concerns over items on the Barriers Module.**

Dr. Barney has suggested that V610a from the Barriers Module be dropped or not used in analysis and believes that it is greater than a reverse coding problem. People may not be reading it correctly and responding as intended. Michelle and John have suggested that they do have a problem with several of the others but not necessarily this one. A committee was formed to look at this issue including Michelle Valverde, John Wiebe, Barbara Estrada and Mari L. Zúñiga de Nuncio . Michelle will take the lead on the committee and report back by March phone call.

**Be here tomorrow by 8:15 am**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm**