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**Fifth (5th) Quarterly Report
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Introduction

The purpose of this two-year project is to capture the lessons learned by the partners of the Tribal Connections Four Corners (TC4C) in their collaboration to improve health information access to the Native Americans in the Four Corners region of the United States.

During this last quarter of 2003, the project participants organized themselves to begin implementation of the objectives defined during the summer months, and the administrative steps to be taken to implement a shared tribal liaison position and transition from Tribal Health Connections to Tribal Connections Four Corners (TC4C) were identified.

I. Description of Progress toward the Project's Major Objectives

A. Administrative/Planning Activities

Workgroups were formed to support the primary objectives of TC4C

- Four Corners GoLocal – Paul Bracke (Arizona), Stephanie Weldon (Colorado), Jon Eldredge (New Mexico), John Bramble (Utah), Pat Bradley (Tribal Liaison)
- Needs assessment - Barbara Cosart (NN/LM SCR), Pat Auflick (Arizona), Stephanie Weldon and Lillian Hoffecker (Colorado), Pat Bradley (Tribal Liaison)
- Contacts database – John Bramble (Utah), Sharon Dennis (Utah), Michael Boer (NN/LM PNR), Pat Bradley
- Effective practices database – Claire Hamasu (Utah and NN/LM MCR), Siobhan Champ-Blackwell (Creighton/Nebraska), Cathy Burroughs (Washington)

In addition, TC4C intends to continue the work started by the Tribal Health Connections project funded by the Gates Foundation and led by the University of Washington. To that end, we will be working on

- Establishing the Tribal Liaison position in New Mexico and exploring ways to maximize the effectiveness of a locally positioned librarian in involving appropriate partners in outreach efforts
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the newsletter and Tribal Health Connections website in meeting our goals.

Progress made by the 4 workgroups this quarter:

- Four Corners GoLocal – group is in touch with NLM. Fields to be collected remain to be defined by NLM and results of license negotiation are not in yet. Both impact our ability to identify what kinds of info we want to collect.
- Needs assessment - group had an initial conference in late December.

- Contacts database – identified criteria for database functionality in order to choose software robust enough to satisfy needs of project. Several products have been examined thus far.
- Effective practices database – investigating the effective practices database of the National Service Resource Center, which is a service of the Corporation for National and Community Service. See <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/epicenter/>. Also identified what should be in the database: target populations, needs assessment, methodologies, partnering, promotion, evaluation.

Considerable time has been spent by Claire Hamasu, Janis Teal, and Jeanette McCray on planning the transition from Tribal Health Connections funding to TC4C. Especially problematic from an institutional point of view is how to funnel the commitments made by individual libraries to provide 75% of the funding to support the tribal liaison's salary at the University of New Mexico. "Sponsored projects" offices at each university have their own idiosyncrasies which need to be addressed. We had hoped there was a way to avoid a lengthy contract approval process but that seems unlikely at this stage.

B. Publicity/Marketing Activities

None.

C. Product/Resource Development Activities

None.

D. Site Visits/Training/Demonstration Sessions/Presentations (Include description of the sites and target population)

None.

E. Exhibits

None.

II. Loansome Doc/Document Delivery Activities

No activity.

III. Evaluation Activities

Joan LaFrance, Claire Hamasu, and Jeanette discussed evaluation options on December 23rd. Joan will work with the GoLocal and needs assessment groups to plan a methodology now for each project. It may be that the groups will want to meet together as well. The 2 database projects will probably combine some aspect of tracking usage and a survey of users.

IV. Problems/Corrective Actions. Lessons Learned/Significant Feedback

Nothing to report.

V. Projected Activities for Next Quarter

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- Workgroups will continue to work on their projects
- Joan LaFrance will work with groups to include an evaluation component.
- Advisory group to make recommendations concerning the future of the Tribal Health Connections newsletter and web site will be formed
- Pat Bradley's position will transition from Tribal Health Connections to TC4C.

VI. Reporting Forms for Training/Demonstration Sessions and/or Exhibit Reports

No activity.