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**Fourth (4th) 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 in their collaboration to improve health information access to the Native Americans in the Four Corners region of the United States. The process includes the development of an asset/resources inventory and asset map of the partners participating in the project, a selection of pilot projects to be evaluated, and the creation of a best/effective practices website populated with information from the pilot projects.

During this quarter, the goals and objectives defined during the Tucson conference (June 26-27, 2003) were clarified and further refined. Funding opportunities were identified and a proposal was submitted. Next steps towards implementing the objectives were identified.

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

A. Administrative/Planning Activities

During this quarter, the partners in the collaboration worked to refine and clarify goals and objectives. At the same time, library directors from the resource libraries, RML staff, and project staff worked to identify and obtain funding to support these goals. NLM agreed to fund a portion of the collaboration's efforts (MedlinePLUS GoLocal) and library directors agreed to jointly fund a tribal liaison position based at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center.

The goals and objectives of the collaboration for the balance of the project (currently funded through July 2004) are:

- Four Corners GoLocal – add information on services available in the Four Corners region to NLM's GoLocal database (under development – will permit local input of information from around the country to NLM's database). Will be enhanced by NLM's geocoding project.
- Needs assessment of health information for medical units (IHS and tribally owned) in the Four Corners area.
- Contacts database – names and addresses, other pertinent info, of contacts in the Four Corners region.
- Effective practices database – captures lessons learned from working with American Indians in their communities

In addition, the Tribal Connections Four Corners collaboration 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.

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

No activity.

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

Nothing to report.

V. Projected Activities for Next Quarter

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- Create workgroups to carry out objectives
- Workgroups begin to identify steps and tools needed to complete objective
- Plan transition for tribal liaison from Gates funding to Tribal Connections Four Corners funding
- Explore evaluation opportunities with consultant

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

No activity.