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**Linking Native Americans to Health Information:**  
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**Health Information Outreach**

**SUBCONTRACT**

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I. Introduction
There was not much activity this time period. Concerns about the weather prevented scheduling training sessions. Contacts continued with the tribal college librarians, an exhibit was held at a local powwow, the PI attended the Community Based Outreach Symposium at NLM, and preparations were made for a presentation to reservation VISTA volunteers.

II. Progress toward major objectives of the project
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4. The major objectives of this project are:
   1. Train health care providers.
   2. Reinforce, strengthen, and maintain a working relationship with the tribal college librarians.
   3. Expand the Linking Native Americans to Health Information web site http://harley.med.und.nodak.edu/tcl/
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6. Objective 1. Training of health care providers.
7. Planning:
   8. The database for contacts for e-mail and telephone communication was reviewed and updated. No contacts were made due to the weather conditions. It is too tenuous to schedule trainings and then have to break them because of the weather. The in-person trainings will be scheduled during the next quarter.
9. An exhibit was held at the annual University of North Dakota (UND) INMED powwow November 20, 2004. There were 74 people who stopped and received information. These included health students, health care providers on the reservations.
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Objective 2. Reinforce, strengthen, and maintain a working relationship with the tribal college librarians.
   E-mail contact was maintained with the tribal college librarians. There was no other activity this quarter.

Objective 3. Expand the Linking Native Americans to Health Information web site http://harley.med.und.nodak.edu/tcl/
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   Updates were made to the Web site this quarter. The PI does most of the updates through the content management system developed last quarter by our web master. It remains a useful tool as exhibited through continued usage. In the inaugural year, 2002, usage was 1,079 hits on various pages. Last year, 2003, it was 2,114, in 2004 there were 11,667 hits, and thus far in 2005 there have been 2,343. Hopefully the steady increase in usage reflects the effect of increased visibility as well as the stability of the site. The web page is located at: http://harley.med.und.nodak.edu/tcl/
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13. Baseline Data: We are looking at different options for obtaining baseline data when training begins.
14. Publicity/Marketing: The PI attended and exhibited at the UND INMED powwow in November. There were 74 people who stopped and received information. The PI was invited to make a presentation to VISTA volunteers who work on the reservations in February. Preparations began for that.

16. Training/Demonstration Sessions: No formal training, but demonstrations were given at the UND INMED powwow.

18. Evaluation Activities: None, except usage of the Web site. The site was used 6,559 times during the quarter.

III. Problems encountered and measures taken to resolve them

Due to the inactivity there were not any problems noted.

IV. Suggestions for modifications to the project

None emerged during this quarter.

V. Projected activities for next quarter

The IRB forms for the interviewing of the tribal college librarians still need to be prepared and filed. Training times need to be established and the plans for training sessions should be finalized. Hopefully, some training of health care providers will occur, but if weather does not permit, sessions will definitely be established for late spring and early summer. The Web site will continue to be updated. Work will continue on developing the baseline survey.

VI. Reporting forms for training sessions

No formal sessions were held. There was demonstration at the exhibit at the powwow.

VII. Other accomplishments

The principal investigator attended and presented a poster at the NLM Symposium on Community-Based Health Information Outreach. She was also invited to attend the subsequent Workgroup on Evaluating NLM’s Native American Outreach, December 2-3, 2004.

At the request of the editor of Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet, the principal investigator submitted a paper on the project on Tribal College Librarians. It will be published in volume 9, issue 2, 2005. She has also been invited to make a presentation to the North Dakota VISTA volunteers working on reservations in February.