



# ATTC Directors Meeting

3pm – 4:15pm ET, July 25, 2019 via Zoom

**In attendance:** Pierluigi Mancini and Maxine Henry (NH&L); Sean Bear, Jeff Ledolter, and Anne Helene Skinstad (NAI&AN); Sara Becker and Rosemarie Martin (Region 1); Robert Peralta (Region 2); Holly Ireland (Region 3); Dawn Tyus (Region 4); Todd Molfenter (Region 5); Richard Spence (Region 6); Pat Stilen, James Glenn, Sarah Knopf-Amelung (Region 7); Nancy Roget and Thomasine Heitkamp (Region 8); Tom Freese and Beth Rutkowski (Region 9); Denna Vandersloot and Bryan Hartzler (Region 10); Lena Marceno, Cindy Christy, Kelly Reinhardt, Viannella Halsall, and Holly Hagle (NCO); Humberto Carvalho (SAMHSA)

Topic	Notes	Action Items
<b>1. Welcome, Roll Call, Last Call Minutes Approval (Holly Hagle)</b>		
1.1	Meeting convened via Zoom and Holly conducted a roll call	
1.2	No changes to TTC Virtual Meeting 5/23/19 notes. Approved	
<b>2. American Heart Association Opioid Resources – (Tim Eiman, Guest Presenter)</b>		
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AHA started teaching overdose response in 2015 in its CPR courses and decided to build on that education</li> <li>The AHA trains 22 million people/year in cardiovascular programs. They have thousands of trainers, work with various centers and schools across the country. Their focus is on health equity, helping people to have long and healthy lives.</li> </ul>	
2.2	AHA has four prongs to address opioid crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education - online courses designed to increase education for public and healthcare audiences</li> <li>Science – ongoing research on the effects of opioids on the heart, brain, and body</li> <li>Advocacy- destigmatize opioid use/overdose and public education campaign</li> <li>Partnership – AHA CEO Roundtable collaborative</li> </ul>	
2.3	Are now offering two new online courses that address the opioid epidemic and OUD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opioid Education for Healthcare Providers – for first responders, EMT, physicians, pharmacists</li> <li>Opioid Education for Non-Clinical Staff and Lay Responders – for management staff and employees in workplace settings, nonclinical hospital and healthcare staff, and general public</li> </ul>	
2.4	Q & A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Helene Skinstad asked if the AHA is working with American Indian Physicians. Tim responded that with these specific courses and opioid education, they have not. Anne Helene would like information to share with the American Indian Physicians as they may find it useful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holly will send an email introduction to Tim and Anne Helene to connect.</li> <li>The NCO will follow up with Tim about available</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pierluigi asked if these courses are in Spanish. Tim was unsure, but will follow up after looking into it.</li> </ul>	<p>translations and share with the Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested Centers will connect directly with Tim</li> </ul>
<b>3. Project Officer Update (Humberto Carvalho)</b>		
3.1	Region 2 has relocated and is now at the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. (RFMH), which is part of Columbia University.	
3.2	The TTC Evaluation was awarded to Ruth Gassman, PhD at Indiana University and will be starting September 30. The evaluation team would like to connect with the ATTCs in advance to start preparing. They plan to meet with each Center in person two times. All Centers should make time to be part of the evaluation. The evaluation team will do a presentation in October on their approach and plans. They will evaluate this grant cycle. We want this to be a collaborative and positive experience for everyone. Several Centers shared negative experiences with the past evaluation effort.	NCO will coordinate efforts to share past semi-annual reports with the evaluation team.
3.3	As we approach the end of Year 2, Humberto will send a guide (not a template) for the semi-annual report. This guide will include information and cumulative data from April – September (except NAI&AN as they are on a different cycle).	
3.4	The NCO is putting together a TTC HIV resource. The federal government had been asking for more information on this topic as part of their ongoing efforts to decrease HIV incidences.	
3.5	Humberto is working with the NCO to devise a plan for Centers to respond to acute events. A recent example includes the cluster of suicides in Montana that included alcohol use.	
<b>4. Intra-Network Virtual Discussion Spaces (Lena Marceno)</b>		
4.1	A new idea that has come up in meetings with several Regional Centers is to have a virtual space for ATTC staff to get together and discuss different topics.	
4.2	In response, the NCO will be starting “Pop Up Talk” sessions. There will be a time each month for the Network to informally meet with each other via Zoom. People will be able to submit topics in advance for these sessions. They will be recorded but no meeting minutes will be taken, and anyone that is in the ATTC Network can participate. Will start with one session per month for now and reassess frequency in the future. Anyone who submits a topic will be expected to act as a host. They do not have to be an expert on the topic, but instead facilitate discussion and come prepared to present their question(s).	Lena will circulate a schedule and sign-up to the Network.
4.3	There was discussion about it being more beneficial if this could be a “pop-in/pop-out as needed” type of space. Lena agreed that it should be informal and the group could determine any ground rules and parameters.	
<b>5. Bi-monthly Updates and Annual Work Plans – New Processes in Development (Holly Hagle and Eric Barr)</b>		

5.1	The new work plans will use the same fields on an online form. Work plans will be due around November 15.	Humberto or NCO will email Network the final due date.
5.2	There were suggestions made that the fields not be locked down as this caused much frustration and wasted time in preparing the previous work plan. The previous form was difficult to use.	
5.3	The bi-monthly updates are richer for analysis and description. Humberto uses it constantly for SAMHSA requests.	
5.4	Eric went into details about the development plans for the online work plans. The work plan will have fields for goals, objectives, and activities. Those fields will be tied together on three different forms, and will tie in with the website activity. The bimonthly update can pull reports from the website.	
5.5	Holly shared that the PTTC Network recently voted to share an aggregate version of the bi-monthly updates with each other so they could learn more about what other Centers were doing. Currently, the bimonthly updates are shared with the NCO and SAMHSA.	
5.5	<p>Motion: Tom Freese made a motion that we agree to share the bimonthly updates amongst the ATTC Network. Pat Stilen seconded the motion.</p> <p>Discussion: Tom Freese noted that this would be a good way to be more transparent and keep each other informed without being too laborious.</p> <p>Moved to a vote (each Center has one vote):          NAI&amp;AN ATTC – yea          NH&amp;L ATTC - yea          Region 1 ATTC - yea          Region 2 ATTC - abstain          Region 3 ATTC – yea          Region 4 ATTC - yea          Region 5 ATTC - yea          Region 6 ATTC - yea          Region 7 ATTC – yea          Region 8 ATTC - yea          Region 9 ATTC – yea          Region 10 ATTC – yea          ATTC NCO - yea</p> <p>With 12 yeas and 1 abstention, the motion carries.</p>	NCO staff will begin sharing the aggregated bimonthly updates via email to the Network directors.
<b>6. Updating GPRA targets – options for transparency (Sara Becker)</b>		
6.1	Sara Becker facilitated a short discussion on GPRA targets and asked if SAMHSA and NCO have guidance for developing targets.	
6.2	<p>Questions asked:          What is a reasonable GPRA target with the new rules? What is the range of GPRA targets, and what should a typical increase be? Is there a percent increase that SAMHSA would consider too low? Should Centers be focused on a specific number or a range?</p>	The NCO will explore ways to possibly collect aggregate GRRR targets from ATTCs and report a range of targets.

6.3	<p>Humberto shared that tomorrow there will be a second demo of the new GPRA system, and that there is no expectation from SAMHSA. Each RC works differently so this number is very individualized. Just keep in mind that one-hour webinars will now be counted so it is recommended that Centers look back through past webinars to gauge how many attendees they may have in future webinars and use that to guide GPRA targets.</p>	
<b>7. NCO Announcements (Viannella Halsall)</b>		
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming TOTs- The NCO is hosting three TOTs during Recovery Month in Kansas City. Up to two trainers from each Center can attend as many sessions as they like. An email communication was shared with the Network prior to this meeting with detailed information.</li> <li>• AMERSA Conference – The NCO is providing one free registration for each US-based ATTC to attend the AMERSA conference in November. Also, please send materials to include in the ATTC Exhibit table. An email communication was shared with the Network prior to this meeting with detailed information.</li> <li>• ATTC bi-weekly emails – Please continue to share content for the biweekly emails. This is a great way to learn what others are doing across the Network.</li> <li>• ASAM Trainings – ASAM has a grant to provide a free pain management and opioids course, but are looking for partners to help host. ASAM will provide funding for registration, marketing, trainers, etc. Also, the NCO is in the process of working with ASAM on guidance for conducting the ASAM Criteria trainings. ATTCs are advised to proceed as they have been doing.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Summary of Action Items (Holly Hagle)</b>		
8.1	Holly reviewed action items.	
<b>9. Parking Lot and Other Announcements</b>		
9.1	<p>Tom Freese asked if the ATTCs have a limit on HealtheKnowledge use since the PTTCs do have a limit. Holly explained that the ATTCs do not have a limit on HealtheKnowledge as it is part of the ATTC NCO's budget, which is larger than the PTTC NCO's budget.</p>	
9.2	<p>Pierluigi Mancini shared that the ATTC NH&amp;L is doing a Spanish track at NAADAC and encouraged the Centers to spread the word to trainers and professionals who serve Latinos/Hispanics. Please reach out to their Center if you would like to partner on trainings addressing local Latino/Hispanic communities.</p>	
<b>10. Meeting adjourned</b>		
10.1	Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.	
10.2	The next meeting is September 26, 2019.	The NCO will send out a call for agenda items, meeting reminder, and agenda closer to the next meeting date.