

Meeting notes for 3/7/05, 8 am, WIHRI

Present: Lida Shao, Sarah Bell, Taby Ali, Jeff Peipert, Kristen Matteson

Steps taken since last meeting:

- 1) 2/25/05–Project Page went up at http://www.cs.brown.edu/~sjb/std_intervention/
- 2) Lida, Sarah, & Taby viewed Project Protect, looked through its Data Dictionary
- 3) Lida & Taby learned a little bit about Director & JAVA as possible authoring tools
- 4) Still in the process of choosing an appropriate authoring tool

Meeting Notes:

- brief discussion of website
 - no content changes suggested
 - it was noted that Kristen's last name was spelled incorrectly
- we reviewed the notes that Kristen put together outlining the project
 - both the intervention group and the control group will have information about condoms and their usage and other safe sex techniques
 - it was suggested that a good place to branch off into the educational parts would be after the question, "Are you confident that you can convince your partner to use condoms?" (or something to that effect)
- Taby suggests having a short satisfaction survey at the end of the computer program
- spoke about Project Protect and some of its shortcomings including the trans-theoretical model, alienating language, and clunky interface
 - Taby asks if not the trans-theoretical model then what kind of philosophy or model?
 - No consensus but that the trans-theoretical model is over-used and not even proven that effective for all its uses.
 - The decision of which way is best to present the information will be left to the CS92 Team to discuss and decide, with feedback
- Sarah asks whether demographic questions necessarily need to be asked in the beginning in one contiguous block.
 - the consensus was that the demographic questions don't necessarily need to be a block at the beginning but important ones shouldn't be put at the end because of the fear that the women may leave before finishing the program and we wouldn't have all their demographic information we need
 - some personal questions (such as income) are best asked at the end, once some level of trust with the user has been established
- Sarah asks whether everyone in the diaphragm arm, whether or not they express discomfort with getting their partner to use a condom, gets the information on diaphragms
 - the consensus was that everyone in the diaphragm arm gets information on diaphragm usage, regardless of their responses
- some points reinforced were:
 - that the user should be able to "Go Back" and change answers they might have inadvertently answered incorrectly
 - female empowerment and control in sexual health
 - the computer program should be easily changed by someone with knowledge about computers

- We were given a book *Contraceptive Technology* to read to get more information about STD prevention methods
- Kristen also suggested a book *Theories in a Nutshell* by Nutbeam for more reference

Future Timeline:

Next meeting 3/18/05, 9 am, WIHRI

- 1) Lida, Sarah, and Taby will have created a storyboard.
- 2) Lida, Sarah, and Taby will have chosen an authoring tool.