2014 Community Health Aide Program

Shining Star Awards Presentation



Shining Star History

The Shining Star award started in 2006 as a way for CHAP Directors and others to recognize the excellent contribution and commitment of Community Health Aides and Community Health Aide Practitioners of Alaska. Mary Margaret Brower from Kaktovik was the first award recipient. The CHAP Directors now have three award categories and CHA/Ps are recognized In Memoriam throughout the year.



Shining Star Nominees

- Mary Margaret Chandler, CHP
 North Slope Borough
- Tania McMullen, CHA III
 Chugachmiut
- Elizabeth Evon, CHP
 Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

And the Shining Star of 2014 is...



Tania McMullen





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Tania McMullen, CHA III began her career with Chugachmiut 7 years ago. Tania provides exemplary care for all patients. She is the first to "step up" and help out with a new project or assist a co-worker who is struggling. Tania is Shining Star for many reasons, but most importantly for her attitude towards patient care, work and team work.

Sue Steward, CHAP Director Chugachmiut

Rising Star Nominees



Amanda Bybee, CHA III

Southcentral Foundation

Riza Bendixen, CHA III

Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Johanna Edmund, CHA I

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Krystal Dobkins, CHA I

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Catherine Beebe, CHA I

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

And the Rising Star of 2014 is ...



Riza Bendixen





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Riza always comes work with a positive attitude, energized, and ready for the next challenge. Her documentation and verbal reports reflect diligence, attention to detail, professionalism, and a thorough, appropriate assessment of each patient. She employs critical thinking and analytical skills beyond what would be expected of a health aide with her education and experience, but always practices within the scope of her position. There have been many occasions in which I have literally described her to colleagues as a "rising star".

Cameron Spivey, ANP Eastern Aleutian Tribes Additional nominations by Katie Eby, PA-C and Doug Finney, CHAP Director

This year's award for Outstanding Accomplishment is shared by three community health aide clinics and staff in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta who responded to a fatal plane crash outside of Saint Mary's in November 2013. Many people were saved as a result of team work, dedication and commitment of these people who worked through the night to care for the victims.



- Pitka's Point Clinic and Jewel Thompson
- Mountain Village Clinic
- Saint Mary's Clinic

Agnes Changsak, SI Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation



Mountain Village Clinic

- Deborah Johnson, CHP
- Arielle Agwiak, CHA II
- Cindy Lawrence, CHA I
- Inez Evan, former CHA

- Martha Chiklak, former CHA
- Beverly Alexie, office assistant
- Helga Bergman, office assistant

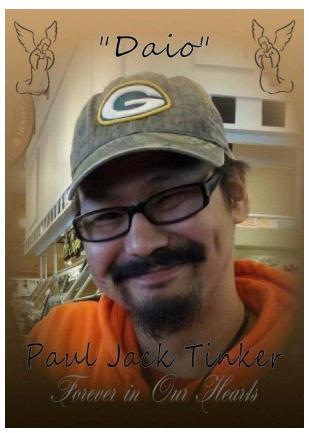


Saint Mary's Clinic

- Emily Paukan, CHP
- Chloe Babich, CHP
- Janelle Johnson, CHA III
- Jewelle Beans, CHA IV

In Memoriam

Paul Jack Tinker, CHA IV



August 17, 1979 - August 20, 2012

Paul served the community of Marshall. He became a health aide in Marshall in 2006. In 2009 he continued his medical knowledge by attending the Alaska Career Academy and earned a degree as a Certified Medical Assistant. In 2010 he moved back to Marshall and continued his career as a health aide with YKHC and talked of becoming a physician assistant. He is remembered as being a very caring person and outgoing.

Agnes Changsak, SI Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation May we have a moment of silence to remember loved ones who we have lost in the past year.

We would like to thank all of the Community Health Aides and Community Health Practitoners for their hard work and dedication.

