

# 2016 Community Health Aide Program



## Shining Star Awards Presentation



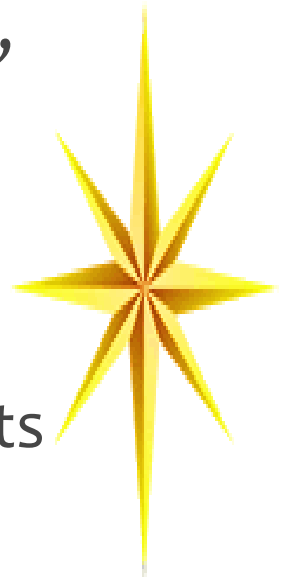
# Shining Star History

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.



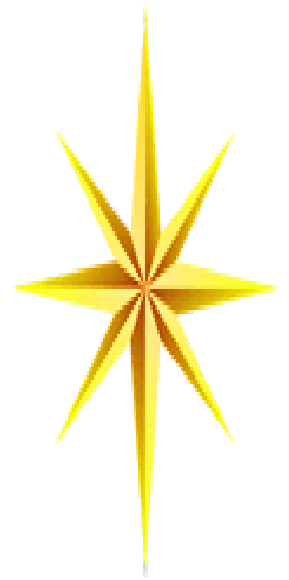
# Shining Star Nominees

- Darlene Anahonak, CHP; Andy McLaughlin, CHP; Brandon Moonin, CHA III  
Chugachmiut
- Kim Andon, CHA III  
Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments



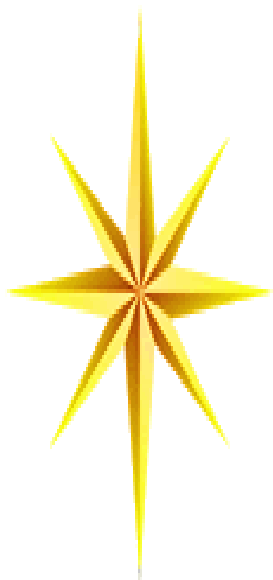
# Shining Star Nominees

- Crystal Fagerstrom, CHA IV  
North Slope Health Corporation
- Sally Nukwak, CHP  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation



# And the Shining Star of 2016 is...

Sally Nukwak



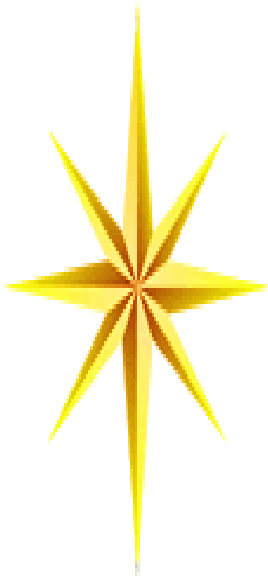


# Sally Nukwak

“Sally has been a CHA in Manokotak since 1999 and a CHP since 2003. Sally is a true leader who is dedicated to the health of her community. She is excellent with technology making her a great asset to her team. She has been very instrumental in making her clinic staff compliant with all the different changes including GPRA, Measurable Results, Joint Commission requirements, and billability. Sally readily responds to all emergencies. She shares her knowledge and quality patient care techniques to her fellow CHAs. She shows wonderful tirelessness when helping fellow co-workers learn EHR entries.”

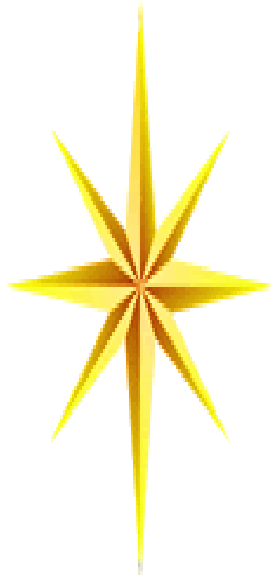
Berna Andrews, CHAP Manager & Dillon Bennett, Training Coordinator  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

# Rising Star Nominees



- **Melanie Chingliak, CHA I**  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- **Jessica Hawley, CHA III**  
Maniilaq
- **Emerson Kvasnikoff, CHA III**  
Chugachmiut
- **Margo Simple, CHA III**  
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

# And the Rising Star of 2016 is ...



## Emerson Kvasnikoff







# Emerson Kvasnikoff

“Emerson began his career with Chugachmiut in 2013 as a CHA Trainee. While fully engaged in any project he takes on, Emerson is a family man and puts his family first. When others do not understand how to put something together, when there are IT issues or the generator is not working, it is Emerson who gets called. In December, there was a 5-day power outage. Emerson was on call and for these 5 days, he would go to the clinic every 4-5 hours around the clock to start the generator and let it run for 1-2 hours to keep the vaccine refrigerator at proper temperature. Emerson kept very clear records of refrigerator temperatures and not one vaccine was lost.”

William Cooper MD, Medical Director  
Chugachmiut

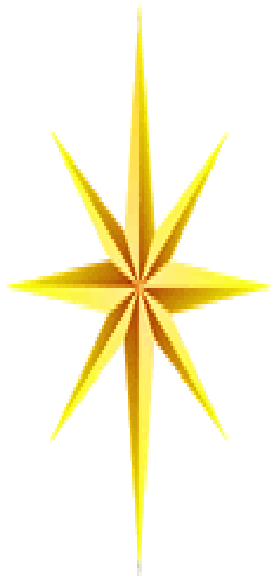
# Outstanding Accomplishments Nominees

- Jenny Hingsbergen, CHP  
Maniilaq
- Julianna Anelon, CHP  
Southcentral Foundation



# And the Outstanding Accomplishment Award of 2016 is ...

Julianna Anelon





# Julianna Anelon

“We had a plane crash 9/15/15 at 0600 in Iliamna East Wind Lake and Julianna was the CHP on scene. She was very brave and did a very good job directing all of the helpers at the scene. There were 10 people on board the plane; it was way off of the road. We had to hike to the scene and backboard 5 of the survivors. 2 walked and 3 did not make it. We had about 40 people from the village to help carry out the injured. Julianna did a very good job.”

Michael Trefon, CHP  
Southcentral Foundation

# In Memoriam

## Irene Aukongak, CHA

1937 - 2016



“For more than 25 years, Irene worked for NSHC, providing for the people of Golovin. She was one of NSHC's "Golden Girls"; one of the longest-serving Health Aides. Before becoming an NSHC employee, she served as a health aide and helped visiting nurses and doctors. According to those who knew her, Irene treated her patients as if they were her own children, like the caring mother she was. Irene was known by many as "Nurse," a nickname that arose from her true background. She received her Licensed Practical Nurse certification at Mt. Edgecumbe in the 1950s. Irene will truly be missed, but her memory lives on in the Golovin clinic that bears her name and in the hearts of those she treated over the years. ”

Reba Lean, Public Relations Specialist  
Norton Sound Health Corporation



# In Memoriam

## M. Walter Johnson, MD

**1922 - 2015**



**Dr. Walter Johnson, MD (1922-2015)**  
<http://jukebox.uaf.edu/CHA/htm/wjohnson1.htm>

“Walter had over sixty years of involvement with the delivery of health care in our remote areas. He believed that there can be people like us health aides who can be trained and really act as the eyes, ears, hands, hearts, and minds for the remote Tribal Health Physicians. Walter had well-focused vision that came into play, helping us to achieve goal after goal in the delivery of the remote health care system. Seeing his dream come true for "health aides" ability to adequately work hand in hand with the providers is exceptional. Thus, allowing the remote villages to have the very much needed health care using the telephone, faxes, and other technology. He made it happen!”

Elsie Dexter & Charlotte Nelson  
Maniilaq

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  
Practitioners for their hard  
work and dedication.

