2017 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

• Susan Davis, CHP

Eastern Aleutian Tribes

• Sara Daly, CHP

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Dolly Kiyutelluk, CHP

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Melissa Lewis, CHP

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Charlotte Nelson, CHP

Maniilaq Association

Shining Star Nominees

Miranda Petruska, CHP

Southcentral Foundation

• Kimberly Beebe-Hoffman, CHP

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

• Melody Deacon, CHP

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

• Mattie Simon, CHP

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

• Connie Walker, CHP

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation



And the Shining Star of 2017 is...

Miranda Petruska



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"Miranda has been working as a CHA for approx. 9 years, the last 5+ as a CHP. Miranda was a full-time CHA in Nikolai for approx. 5 years where she was the only person responsible for the daily healthcare of her community. She was on-call 24/7 whenever she was in the village. In addition, she was on the Nikolai School Board and Tribal Council. She then worked in McGrath for over 2 years. In 2016, she became an itinerant for SCF and North Slope Borough. I have been fortunate enough to work closely with Miranda so that I can truly understand that being a CHA is not just a job, but is a way of life dedicated to helping those around me. The PA who previously worked with her covering Nikolai said that Miranda was the kind of provider that made everyone around her better and he credited her with his becoming the kind of provider he is today."

Natalia Navarro, CHA-T Southcentral Foundation

Rising Star Nominees

• Norma Jones, CHA II

Maniilaq Association

• Helen Eningowuk, CHA IV

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Katrina Raymond, CHA III

Norton Sound Health Corporation

And the Rising Star of 2017 is ...

Helen Eningowuk



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"Helen is exceptional in completing her duties as a health aide while covering the remote island of Little Diomede. She has conquered Cerner without much training, depending on superusers to assist her while working in distant villages. She goes to short staffed clinics and works alone, taking on-call in each of the villages she covers. NSHC is fortunate to have an itinerant who keeps up her skills for certifications along with her medical standing orders and utilizes the eCHAM to provide excellent health care in each village she covers. She demonstrates exceptional service for all patients in this region by her outstanding documentation skills."

Rita Buck, Lead SI Norton Sound Health Corporation

Outstanding Accomplishments Nominees

• Troy Klunder, CHP

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Danielle Reynolds, CHP

Norton Sound Health Corporation

• Genny Miller, CHA III

Kodiak Area Native Association



And the Outstanding Accomplishments Award of 2017 is ...

Genny Miller



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"On the last day of the Advanced Diabetes Health Aide Course, Genny said she was going to start a health and wellness programming to support Ouzinkie in preventing diabetes. Genny created and led the Ouzinkie Alutiiq Summer Challenge. A community-wide diabetes prevention effort that got kids outdoors, taught them to find and process subsistence foods while respecting self, elders and community. Children earned points they could turn in for prizes, by participating in healthy cultural activities. The program was such a success that it was featured on Rhonda McBride's Frontiers. The Ouzinke Alutiiq Summer Challenge was chosen as a shining example of what communities can do to actively prevent diabetes."

Teresa Hicks ANTHC

In Memoriam

Evanka Evan, CHA





"Evanka was a Float Health Aide for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. She was well known for her bubbly personality, her love for children, and her positive energy. She was eager to learn and found ways to help Health Aides whether it be for patients or to brighten up your day. Evanka had a heart full of compassion for her patients and identified with their needs, and made them feel safe and comfortable while in her care. She was willing to travel to cover Health Aides at a short notice, showing commitment to the team and willingness to serve. Evanka will always be remembered for her contagious laugh, her bright smile and uplifting spirit."

Katherine Evon Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation



In Memoriam





Alberta Steve

"Alberta was first hired with NSHC as a Community Health Aide in 1993. In 1996, she became a relief Clinic Travel Clerk. In 2008, Alberta began working full-time as the CTC and was a dedicated member to the clinic staff. Alberta was known to be very caring and known for going above and beyond. She worked well with the Medicaid Prior Authorization staff and with NSHC employees. And no matter the time of day or night, Alberta would help her coworkers respond to medical emergencies. Alberta was always a helping hand even when the on-call CHA needed transportation to and from the clinic. She would assist the CHAs as a scribe to obtain patient vital signs and start/stop times of IV therapies. Not only did she answer the phones and maintained patient confidentiality, she would help grab emergency equipment and pick up the medevac crews. Her kindness and helpful services was also appreciated in Stebbins."

Marlene Katcheak, Assistant Director Norton Sound 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 Practitioners for their hard work and dedication.

