

2021 Health Aide Awards Ceremony

Celebrating Alaska's Health Aides

Kirsten Kolb, ANTHC CAO, Master of Ceremonies

Valerie Davidson, ANTHC President and CEO, Keynote Speaker



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Opening of Ceremonies, Land Acknowledgment

Keynote Address

Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, ANTHC President and CEO

Presentation of Dental Health Aide Awards

Elizabeth Mallott, DARC Chair, SEARHC

Presentation of Behavioral Health Aide Awards

Xiomara Owens, BHA/P Director, ANTHC

Presentation of Community Health Aide Awards

Lucy Bragg, CHP/CHAP Instructor, ANTHC

Closing of Ceremonies

2021
Dental Health Aide
Awards



Rising Star

A Rising Star is a DHA that has been employed less than five years who demonstrates excellence in their role as a DHA and demonstrates excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional patient care, has somehow improved the healthcare delivery system and enhanced the level of care in their community, and has demonstrated balance between work and personal life.



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Samantha Sparks, DHAT

Sitka

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

RISING STAR

Samantha is being recognized for being a compassionate and competent DHAT, and for her involvement in her community through dental outreach programs. Some notable achievements include her participation in dental outreach to the MEHS, and Raven's Way. She has taken on additional duties as DA Training Site Coordinator, and the DA supervisor. She consistently takes on additional duties to improve workflow efficiencies in her clinic.

Samantha is an enthusiastic and motivated individual who in less than 5 years as a DHAT, has made a significant impact on her dental team, patients, and community!

Outstanding Accomplishment

An outstanding accomplishment is an event that has made a substantial impact in the community and/or patient care. A successful candidate will have demonstrated exceptional service that has somehow impacted the health outcomes for an individual or the overall community.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT



Janette Ulak, DHAT

Scammon Bay

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Janette is being recognized for her outstanding accomplishment of bringing permanent dental services to her home community of Scammon Bay.

She established the first ever permanent full-time staffed dental clinic in her community. The path was not easy, and she was faced with many struggles. There were times when she found herself with patients on the schedule and no dental assistant to help. When faced with obstacles like this, she would power through and overcome them. Because of her efforts and determination, Scammon Bay has a functioning dental clinic that is thriving!

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL DHA AWARD
RECIPIENTS!**

**Thank you to
EVERYONE for all
your hard work!**



2021

*Behavioral Health
Aide Awards*



Rookie of the Year

A Rookie is a BHA/P that has been employed less than one year who demonstrates excellence in their role as a BHA and demonstrates excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional client care, has somehow improved the behavioral healthcare delivery in their community, and has demonstrate balance between work and personal life.



Matthew Mulhern, BHA Trainee

Anchorage

ANTHC Behavioral Health Wellness Clinic

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

From the beginning, Matthew has been eager to learn more about the BHA role, transferring information from his previous experiences, and motivating the team with his encouraging attitude. He continues to patiently and enthusiastically gather new information, cross-train his colleagues, present suggestions for improvements, and contribute to the on-going development of our operating procedures.

Rising Star

A Rising Star is a BHA/P that has been employed for 1-5 years and demonstrates excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional client care and has somehow improved the behavioral healthcare delivery system in their community and demonstrates the balance between work and personal life.



Eydie Flygare, BHA-I

*Anchorage
Chugachmiut*

RISING STAR

Eydie Flygare was asked to develop a two-week sobriety camp within our region and the success of camp is amazing. People got sober and stayed sober. Graduates came back to subsequent camps by choice - eventually as mentors. People from the community came to camp to share their recovery stories. Other staff in the Behavioral Health department were asked to present on topics and to take part when they came to camp. Then, the pandemic hit. Plans were made for virtual camp. It was remarkably successful. Eydie just finished directing two weeks of virtual camp with eleven participants.

Shining Star

A Shining Star is a BHA/P that has worked for 5 or more years and demonstrates excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional client care, has somehow improved the behavioral healthcare delivery system in their community and demonstrates the balance between work and personal life.



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Doreen Phillips, BHA-III

Akhiok

Kodiak Area Native Association

SHINING STAR

She is emerging as a leader in our BHA group and assists newer BHAs in their professional development as well as our departmental processes.

Doreen has fearlessly taken on client care; she carries a caseload and also has been instrumental in starting and maintaining our village substance use disorder treatment group.

Doreen has worked diligently for her certification and this year attained her BHA-III status. Her goals go beyond that, however. She is currently enrolled in her Bachelor of Social Work program and intends to see her education through.

Super Star

A Super Star is a BHA/P that has had an outstanding accomplishment that has made a substantial impact in the community and/or client care. A successful candidate will have demonstrated exceptional service that has somehow impacted the behavioral health outcomes for an individual or the overall community.



Ulyius “U.L.” Johnson, BHA-III

*Point Hope
Maniilaq Association*

SUPER STAR

He has personally developed himself as a person of integrity, respect, caring, hard work, humility and a very spiritual individual. His focus is to serve the people, family and his community of Point Hope to heal themselves for whatever their illness is no matter what the obstacles are.

UL is well known in his community for being empathetic, caring and responsive.

Outstanding Supervisor

Recipients of this award...

- Are currently functioning in a BHA Clinical Supervisory capacity
- Demonstrate exceptional leadership ability
- Contribute to and demonstrate a commitment to the BHA Program's mission and values
- Create a positive and motivating work environment
- Maintain open lines of communication with the BHA/Ps and throughout the organization
- Encourage professional and BHA development
- Demonstrate fairness and equity in resolving issues
- Remain open to feedback concerning his or her performance



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OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR



Ann is the fourth supervisor that I've had, since starting as a BHA in training. She is the first one to sit and show me how to do a progress note. She's the first one to come out and take part in a wellness group. Ann is the first one to offer help with researching clients needs with me.

Ann Applebee, Clinical Supervisor

Wasilla

Southcentral Foundation

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Community Health
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Shining Star History

The Shining Star awards started in 2006.

CHAP Directors and others wanted to recognize the excellent contribution and commitment of Community Health Aides/Practitioners of Alaska.

Five award categories.

Rising Star

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Demonstrates excellence in their role as a CHA/P by continuously delivering exceptional patient care, improving the healthcare delivery system and enhancing the level of care in their community.



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RISING STAR



Dannielle Malchoff, CHA-II

*Port Graham
Chugachmiut*

She has shown dedication in becoming an exceptional health aide over the past year completing Session I and II through ANTHC's Distance Learning Network while also completing the EMT-1 bridge course and assisting fellow CHA/Ps with many emergencies after clinic hours.

Her community members specifically request to see her reflecting her excellent bedside manner and compassion as a patient advocate.

Her statement embodies her positivity, courage and relentless work ethic, "Sure I'm a little anxious, but this is exactly what I have been working so hard to train for over the past year!"



Eugene Kalmakoff, CHA-I

Perryville

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

RISING STAR

Sole health aide in his remote community of 76 which is 217 air miles from the nearest hospital.

Shows exemplary customer service as a reliable Session II trainee working on completing his PSLN.

He shows reliability and responsibility managing his clinic along with receptivity and eagerness to learn.



RISING STAR

*Demonstrates personal passion and
commitment to quality*

*Graciously shows leadership by
ensuring the medication and lab
processes are much safer*

Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan, CHA-III

St. Paul Island

Southcentral Foundation

Shining Star

A Shining Star is a CHA/P that has been employed for *five years or more*.

Demonstrates excellence in their role as a CHA/P by continuously delivering exceptional patient care, improving the healthcare delivery system and enhancing the level of care in their community.



Marilyn Konukpeok, CHP

New Stuyahok

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

SHINING STAR

*Over 10 years of experience as a
CHA/P.*

*Successful COVID vaccine
coordination and administration
to her community of 700
residents.*

Promoted to CHAP Manager.



Bobby Heckman, CHP

Pilot Station

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

SHINING STAR

Sole health aide in Pilot Station known by his community for his compassion and dedication.

Gave last moments of care to a patient with COVID complications awaiting a medevac who did not make it.

Recognized last year with the Distinguished Provider Award, for dedication and making a difference in the lives of those patients cared for within the Alaska Tribal Health System.

Outstanding Accomplishments

A nominee demonstrates exceptional service that has somehow impacted the health outcomes for an individual or the overall community.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Amanda Bybee, CHP &
Tanya Salmon, CHA-II**

*Igiugig
Southcentral Foundation*

Created and implemented a community wellness challenge in partnership with SCF, Igiugig Village Council and other local businesses.

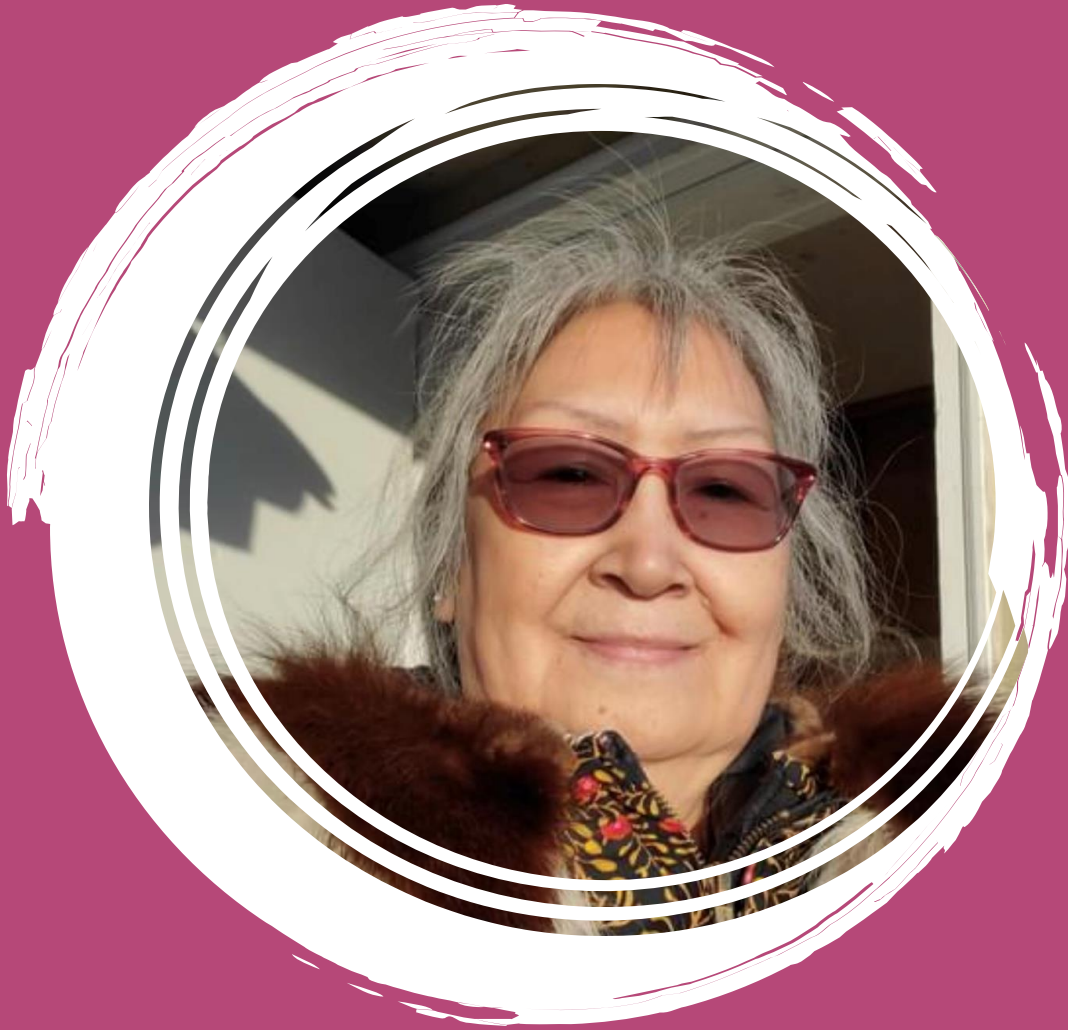
Makuryut (no-see-ums, school mascot) Minute Madness is a personal health challenge to focus on a person's mind, body and soul in a positive environment with supportive peers.

They accomplished this by promoting physical activity and healthy activities across all age groups utilizing a Facebook group for encouragement and ideas. Participants stopped by the clinic for weekly wellness checks. The more participation, the more chances to win prizes.

North Star

A North Star is a CHP who has demonstrated leadership in their position.

They demonstrate excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional service to their patients, organization and community.



Elsie Dexter, CHP

Maniilaq Association

NORTH STAR

*A CHA/P of many years, recently
retired October 15, 2021.*

*Coordinator/Instructor ensuring that
villages were staffed with Community
Health Aides along with what they
needed.*

Setting Star

The Setting Star award is presented in memoriam to CHA/P that have provided a vital community service and have passed away during the past year.



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Beth Chief, CHP

Mountain Village

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

SETTING STAR

CHA/P for approximately 25 years following in her mother's footsteps; As a child, she was known to play doctor or surgeon.

Known as a caring and compassionate CHP for the health of her community Alvina Goetz said, "We would tease each other and laugh. Beth would be good to work with. Was a good shoulder to cry on no matter what."



SETTING STAR

CHA/P 1968-2005.

Served on the CHAP CB and CHAA.

Proponent of CHA/Ps by her example and actions.

Barbara Johnson, CHP

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation

May we have a moment of
silence to remember loved
ones who we have lost in the
past year.



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