BHA Spotlight – Ronto Roney

Meet Ronto Roney who was nominated by Maniilaq Association for the BHA “Outstanding Supervisor” award. The Maniilaq Behavioral Health Director wrote “Ronto joined the Maniilaq team as a therapist but quickly built strong bonds with the BHA program, he transitioned into the Lead Substance Counselor to work directly with the BHA's and then became the Substance Treatment Supervisor in January of 2022. He is a servant leader, willing to work alongside his team to learn as he teaches. He has developed an incredibly strong substance treatment team made up of BHA's of all levels from every village in the Northwest Arctic. His focus on the development of BHA's as counselors and providers has had an incredible effect on the program with a team that is quickly becoming the most stable part of the Maniilaq behavioral health continuum of care.

Ronto loves rural Alaska and the people that he gets to work with, you can often find him flying from village to village to support his team personally. His team has advanced in their development with many attaining new credentials with his support. He takes pride in the team and their ability to solve their problems as a team, holding each other accountable so that they can support their communities.

His transition to management was reluctant as he loves the person to person contact that clinical care provides, but he was able to transition this to a supportive management style while learning how he can affect change in the structure of care in rural Alaska. He is eager to learn the ways that he can improve the BHA program and the structure of our own BHA care in region. Ronto is the type of supervisor that can be direct with employees and build internal expectations in his team. He is a true asset to our program and has a bright future as a leader in the field.”