

Health Aide Awards Ceremony

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Dental Health Aide Awards

Presented by:

Sara Shoffstall-Cone, Director
Oral Health Program



Rising Star

A **Rising Star** is a DHA that has been employed less than five years who 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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Kathrine Levi, DHAT

Aniak

*Yukon Kuskokwim Health
Corporation*

Rising Star

Kathrine's patients rave about how knowledgeable she is; they love the way she talks them through their treatment. By providing her patients knowledge, she gains their trust. Kathrine is very detailed, patient, and amazing with kids. She takes her time and is gentle with children, preventing them from being afraid. She consistently displays compassion for her patients. Her professional and personal attributes are those of a Rising Star!

Shining Star

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



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Corrina Cadzow, DHAT

Fort Yukon

*Council of Athabascan Tribal
Governments*

Shining Star

Corrina is recognized for the service and access to dental care she has provided the Yukon territories of Alaska for over a decade. Corrina shines as an integral leader in her community and personal life. As a certified EMT, she is an active member of the EMS. She organizes and leads multiple events focused on bringing community members together for good health, mind, and spirit. As a DHAT, she demonstrates an incredible example and leader both professionally and personally.

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.



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Outstanding Accomplishments

Savannah was instrumental in reestablishing prevention services as the COVID-19 restrictions reduced. Savannah extended DHAT services to the community of Wrangell and she established a positive patient experience which created strong acceptance of the Dental Health Aide Program by the community. In January of 2022, she was one of the first DHATs to obtain her DHATP credential and certification, demonstrating her exceptional clinical competency and leadership.



Savannah Bonorden, DHATP

Sitka

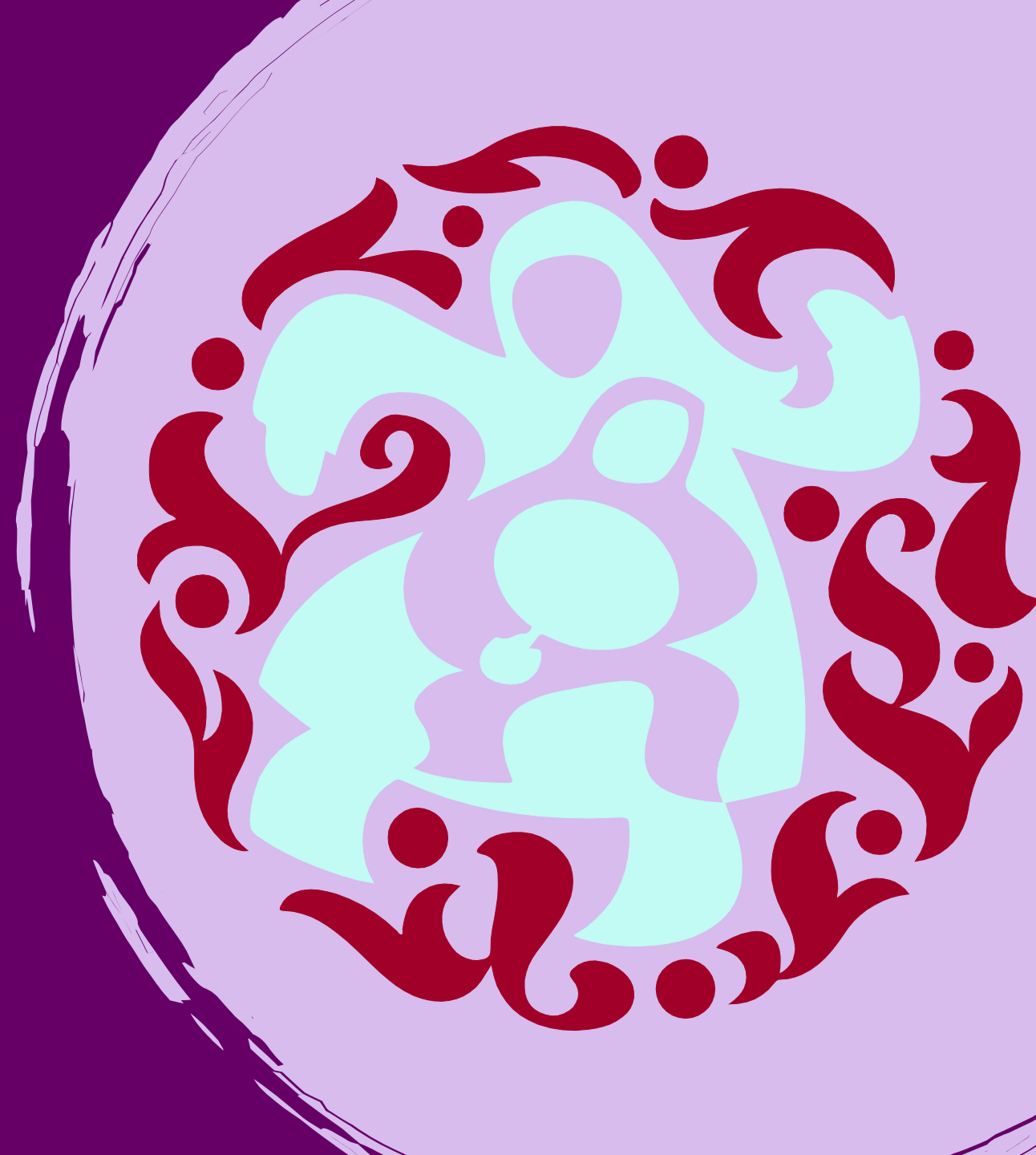
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Behavioral Health Aide Awards

Presented by:

Xiomara Owens, Director
Behavioral Health Aide Training



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.



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Jessica Shaw, BHA I

Nenana

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Rookie of the Year

Jessica demonstrates such love for her community, the people she serves and her family. She is very professional, organized and is a delight to work with. She balances family, a 40 hour work week, and school with grace and professionalism. She is involved in projects to raise the communities awareness. Recently she hosted the Tanana Dancing in the Streets and Taco event for Sobriety Month.

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.

Rising Star

Davis is always willing to take on any challenge with positivity and thoughtfulness. He created and continues to foster a successful relationship with our local school district, to cater to the needs of our youth clients that need services within the school hours. He has shown great initiative in the drive to help others by identifying a lack of resources for homelessness in our community.



Davis Dow, BHA II

Wrangell

*SouthEast Alaska Regional Health
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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.



Sylvia Guthrie-Blandov
BHA-II

Metlakatla

Wil la mootk Counseling Center

Super Star

In Fall 2020, Sylvia was the only staff member providing services during the pandemic. Through this she maintained the standard of excellence, and provided knowledgeable, flexible, and empathetic support to clients, their families, and staff. Sylvia is brave, selfless, and dedicated to our clients and their families.

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

Ronto 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 of BHA's of all levels from every village in the Northwest Arctic. Ronto 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.



**Ronto Roney, LPC-S,
CDC II**

Kotzebue

Maniilaq Association

In Appreciation

This award is presented to a BHA/P or BHA Supervisor that is no longer working in the role of BHA/P or Supervisor, has retired, left the BHA job, passed on and who provided a vital community service.



Steve Samedi

Bethel

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

In Appreciation

Steve was a wonderful supervisor; he always showed support to fellow colleagues and supervisees. Steve gave honest feedback and looked out for everyone. No matter what was going on he was calm and collected. He knew when to push us to work harder and encouraged us in tasks that seemed like we couldn't. Steve by far was one of the best supervisors I have ever gotten to work with.

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Community Health Aide Awards

Presented by:

Carolyn Craig, Director
Community Health Aide Program



Rising Star

A **Rising Star** is a CHA/P that has been employed *less than five years*. They demonstrate 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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Lawrence Custer

Kobuk

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Rising Star

Lawrence began his career in the Kobuk Clinic as an administrative assistant and helper to the health aide in traumatic situations. He assists and takes call relieving his colleagues for extended periods meeting high standard expectations of his community. He willingly travels to locales where is needed to assist.

Shining Star

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

Shining Star

Bernice has been a conscientious and compassionate caregiver who advocates for her community of over 800 for over ten years. She takes the lead in daily clinical challenges and mentoring health aide trainees. She tackles everything with a “can do” attitude and smile.



Bernice Toyukak

Togiak

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Outstanding Accomplishments

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



Michael Trefon

Iliamna

SouthCentral Foundation

Outstanding Accomplishments

Michael has consistently been a team player in the face of adversity and challenges. From major traumas to daily challenges with COVID to preventive care, he is a reliable part of the team. With many changes at the Nilavena clinic, he has been supportive and always willing to help team members. Additionally, his positive attitude makes him a pleasure to work with.

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.

North Star *(2021)*

Marcia is a Community Health Practitioner who has been with SEARHC about 36 years.

First in a basic clinic with only CHAs & monthly itinerate provider visits, then a new modern clinic working with an Advanced Practice Provider in the village of Kake.

Marcia is a long-term valued employee who is willing to learn new skills, willing to help her co-workers and adjust to changes of the organization and clinic.



Marcia Aceveda

*Kake
SouthEast Alaska Regional Consortium*

North Star

Ryan has been a reliable health aide for over five years coming to exemplify leadership as a clinical supervisor. She ensures high quality of care, advocates for her community and colleagues by assisting with solutions for reform for their stressed workforce. She delivers exceptional patient care maintaining Joint Commission accreditation standards.



Ryan Kimoktoak

Kiana

Maniilaq Association

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.



Eric Gosuk

Togiak

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Setting Star

Eric Thomas Gosuk March 15, 1980 – August 26, 2021. Eric, CHP/X-Ray Technician worked for the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in Togiak from 2000-2014. He was a humble, big-hearted, kind man and devoted father. Eric grew up as a commercial fisherman and enjoyed subsistence activities and being outdoors. He shared these skills with his family and extended family. He is survived by many loved ones.



Sharon Slim

Kasigluk

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Setting Star

Sharon was quiet, yet firm when interacting with her patients, co-workers, and managers. She approached all emergency situations with a calm and collected demeanor. Sharon not only demonstrated the critical skills essential for her health care provider role, but also possessed sound judgement and a genuine, caring attitude of a seasoned clinician. Sharon Slim has dedicated well over a decade to the corporation providing acute, chronic, preventative and emergency health services to the members of her community and the people of the YK Delta.



Dolly Williams

Deering

Maniilaq Association

Setting Star

Dolly was a second generation health aide in the Deering Village Clinic who passed this year after a short battle with cancer. She served with passion as a provider and supervisor for 11 years in Northwest Alaska. She was an advocate for patients and mentor to health aide trainees. She loved subsistence activities and hosting the new provider at Deering. Her community is thankful for all that she was and is missed so much.

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



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CONGRATULATIONS
to all Award Recipients!

Thank you to
EVERYONE
for all your hard work!



GROUP PHOTOS: **Downstairs**



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