

2015 Community Health Aide Program



Shining Star Awards Presentation



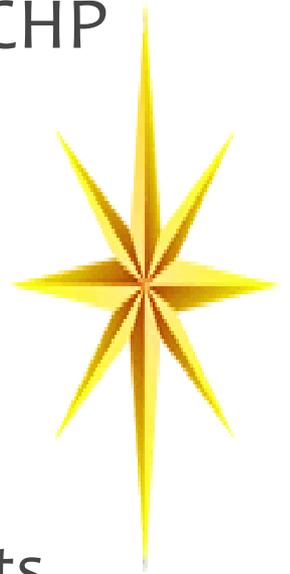
Shining Star History

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.



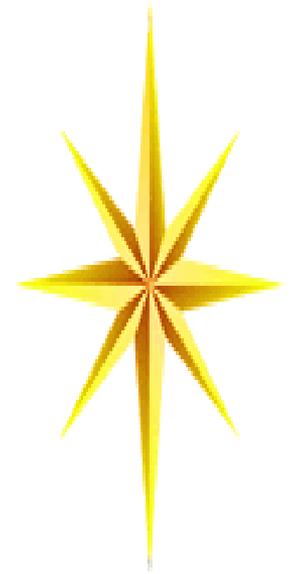
Shining Star Nominees

- Cheryl Goodell, CHP and Charlie Kapotak, CHP
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- Elias Kvasnikoff, CHA III
Chugachmiut
- Debra McCarty, CHP
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments



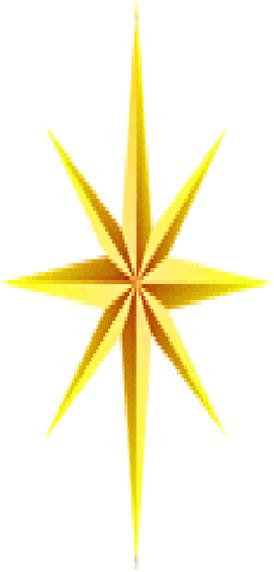
Shining Star Nominees

- Joseph McMillan, CHP
Eastern Aleutian Tribes
- Loretta “Lottie” Roll, CHP
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Michael Stambaugh, CHA IV
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association



And the Shining Star of 2015 is...

Debra McCarty



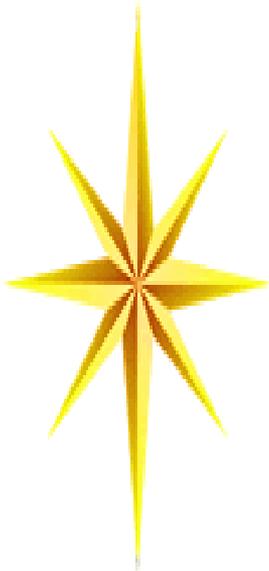


Debra McCarty

“I had the privilege of working with Debra for the past three years. Her level of experience and skill in delivering health care in a remote, isolated, fly-in only village is invaluable. She provided the previous physician, numerous mid-levels, and myself guidance, advice and support in learning how to deliver healthcare in such a unique environment. Her expertise is as inclusive as it is broad, she has continually strived to better herself and the standard of care offered.”

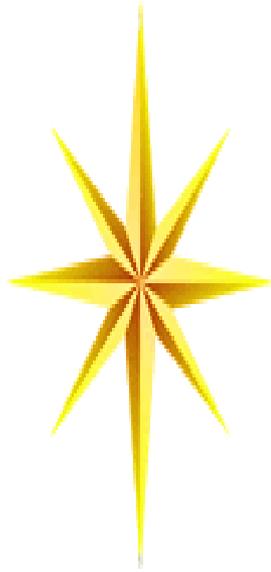
Dr. Alisa Kelly, Family Physician
Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments

Rising Star Nominees

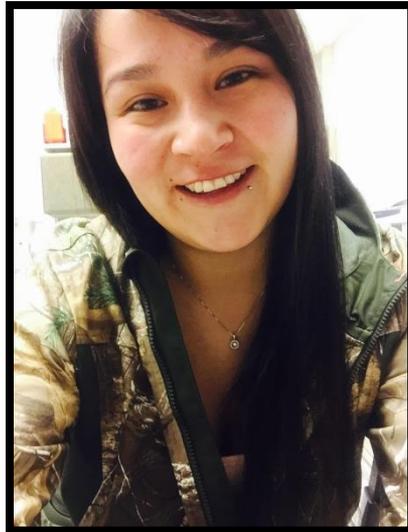


- **Deanne Anelon, CHA III**
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- **Lucy Evan, CHA III**
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- **Minji Anna Kim, CHA III**
North Slope Borough
- **Amanda Wilson, CHA I**
Kodiak Area Native Association

And the Rising Star of 2015 is ...



Deanne Anelon





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“Deanne has shown outstanding patient care and willingness to take on any assignment that her supervisors have asked of her. She is always willing and able to travel where ever there is a need for a CHA. Deanne is the definition of persistence while doing an excellent job of juggling work and personal aspects of her life. She faces tragedy and challenges with maturity and insight, taking time for self-care then returning full force. We are certain she will blossom into an amazing CHP.”

Berna Andrews, CHAP Manager
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

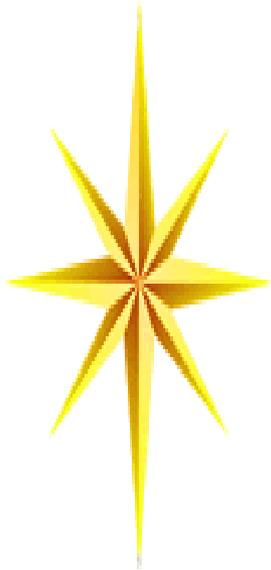
Outstanding Accomplishments Nominees

- Maina Adams, CHP
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
- Stephanie Aishanna, CHA IV
North Slope Borough
- Kimberly Beebe-Hoffman, CHP
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Bobby Heckman, CHP
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation



And the Outstanding Accomplishment Award of 2015 is ...

Stephanie Aishanna





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“I am pleased to nominate Stephanie for her outstanding accomplishment in the Arctic Storm that struck her community of Kaktovik on Barter Island, March 6, 2015. Hurricane-force winds estimated to reach at least 80 miles per hour left the community without power and fearing their safety. It was reported that large metal dumpsters tipped over like toys, debris was flying around, and power lines were breaking under the gale force winds. Stephanie, along with some help from family and friends made their way to the clinic and loaded one of the large 100lb oxygen bottles and took it to an elder in her community that she knew was without electricity to run their oxygen concentrator. She has demonstrated the ‘whatever it takes and then some’ approach to go the extra mile to provide exceptional, self-sacrificing service and patient care to her community in time of desperate need.”

Glenn Sheehan, Program Coordinator
North Slope Borough

CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Adeline Gallen, CHP, North Slope Borough

Adeline Gallen understands first-hand the importance of immunization for remote communities, having suffered from measles as a child. Fortunately, she recovered and is now able to advocate for improving vaccination coverage among Alaska Native Inupiat communities in North Slope Borough that are isolated from medical support.

For 23 years, Ms. Gallen has delivered immunizations in an effective and culturally-accepted manner, adapting as necessary to meet the needs of Inupiat infants and children. She has serviced six remote villages that do not support full-time doctors or mid-level medical providers. She is one of the most visible health spokespersons, trainers, mentors, and educators for these villages. Her work has improved immunization rates and infant mortality in hard-to-reach communities.

Ms. Gallen's tireless efforts to deliver immunizations and other critical health services to isolated Alaskan Native communities make her Alaska's *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion*.



Adeline Gallen, CHP
North Slope Borough , DHSS



In Memoriam

Gail M. Lamont, CHA I



November 5, 1965 - January 21, 2015

“Gail M. Lamont was first hired as a Community Health Aide in the village of Tuluksak on August 2010. Then later in October 2012 to February 2013 she became a ‘float’ CHA which she traveled to different villages to help out with clinic coverage. Gail was friendly and a quiet person. She smiled a lot and liked to giggle with her friends. She was calm, caring and willing to help her patients the best she could. She was a mother and has 11 children total. She passed away January 21, 2015.”

Herman Geffe, Field Supervision Coordinator
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

In Memoriam

Julia Twitchell, CHP



March 24, 1954 - February 24, 2014

“Julia Twitchell, CHP from Nunapitchuk, was hired as a health aide May 24, 1984 through February 3, 2012. Julia was a competent, kind, caring, dedicated, tireless, courageous community health care provider in the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation.”

Balassa Larsen, Supervisor Instructor
Yukon Kuskokwim 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.

