

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



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!



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.



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 tó 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 máde for virtual camp. It was remarkably successful. Eydie just finished dirécting two weeks of virtual camp with eleven participants.



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.



Ulyius "U.L." Johnson, BHA-III

Point Hope Maniilag 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.



Ann Applebee, Clinical Supervisor

Wasilla Southcentral Foundation

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.



Dannielle Malchoff, CHA-II

Port Graham Chugachmiut

RISING STAR

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



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

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.



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.



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."



Barbara Johnson, CHP

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation

SETTING STAR

CHA/P 1968-2005.

Served on the CHAP CB and CHAA.

Proponent of CHA/Ps by her example and actions.