Eastern Aleutian Tribes
September/October 2014
Executive Director Report
Jennifer Harrison

Congratulations to Riza and Bonita for successfully completing CHA Session IV! Linda Mack, Riza Bendixen, Bonita Babcock, and Jennifer Harrison

People

- Welcome our New Hires:
  - **Beverly Johansen**, Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor/Community Health Representative (CHR), Akutan (first day September 1st)
  - **Trisha Trumble**, Accounts Receivable (AR) Specialist, Anchorage (first day Sept. 15th)
  - **Ross Bucher**, IT Technician, Anchorage (first day October 13th)
  - **Amy Knissel**, Physician Assistant, King Cove (first day October 13th)
  - **Ginger Bear**, temporary Janitor, King Cove (first day October 13th)
  - **Terri Douglas**, Nurse Practitioner, Akutan (first day October 20th)
  - **Arlene Mauriello**, CIC, King Cove (first day November 3rd)
  - **Ben Stewart,** itinerant Dental Health Aid Technician (DHAT) (first day November 4th)
  - **Esther Olson**, Accounts Payable Clerk (part-time), Anchorage (first day November 17th)
  - **Katy Nissen**, Behavioral Health Clinician, Sand Point (first day December 15th)

- Open Positions:
  - **Behavioral Health Aides*** – Akutan and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Community Health Aides*** – Akutan, Cold Bay, and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Dental Assistant*** – Traveling to all sites
  - **Dental Health Aide Technician (DHAT)*** - Next training starts in July 2015.
  - **Intern*** (part-time) - Anchorage
  - **Medical Director/Physician** – 50% in Anchorage and 50% at all clinic sites
  - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Continuous Recruitment for itinerants and full-time in Sand Point
  - **Special Projects Manager** – Anchorage

*No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

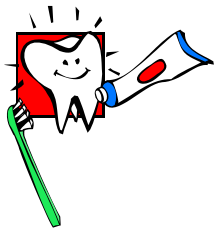
Service

- "Caught Ya Caring" Winners from September All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Karen Kalamakoff** (CHR, Sand Point)
  - **Joseph Mackey** (CHA III, Adak)

- "Caught Ya Caring" Winners from October All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Edward Smith** (IT Coordinator, Anchorage)
  - **Betty Calugan** (Administration Director, Anchorage)
  - **Debora Malavansky** (Administation Assistant, Anchorage)

- Executive Director:
  - Nelson Lagoon – November 17 - 22nd
    - Community Listening Potluck on Wednesday, November 19th at 4:00pm
  - Whittier – January 21-23rd
    - Community Listening Potluck on Thursday, January 22nd at 5:00pm
  - False Pass – February 23 – 27th (tentative)

- EAT Dental Department:
  - Sand Point: Dr. Costa on November 10 – 28th
  - Cold Bay: Dr. Costa on December 15-19th



- SCF Optometry:
  - Sand Point: December 1-5th

- Upcoming Emergency Management Services Classes
  - ETT in Cold Bay: November 10-19th
  - ETT in Sand Point: December 7-15th
  - ETT – EMT1 Bridge – Sand Point: February

Growth/Innovation

- We have requested proposals from video production companies to do the Founders' Story and received several to review.
- We are researching the possibility of providing a billing service for one of our City's ambulance services.
- We are working on a concept paper to request State funds for an Oxford House pilot project in Sand Point. Oxford Houses are sober/clean living facilities for those in recovery.

Report on Events:

Ruth Kudrin, Joe Borshanian, and Jennifer Harrison shopping for potluck

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the **Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic in Akutan** hosted a community listening potluck. The room was packed with **40 community members** and three staff members. Here are the community members' responses to our questions:

What do you like about the Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic? –

- Love it. It could be made bigger. We are running out of room. Make it two floors.
- Staff Members
- Location
- Dependable emergency services

If we had more resources, what could the clinic do to help us be the healthiest people in the nation?

1. Provide fresh vegetables and fruit
2. Have WiFi available and used at Daycare
3. Eat more Native foods, traditional ways.

Rank of the following potential new or expanded services/programs:

1. Increase number and length of these specialty visits:
    a. Dentist/DHAT(16)
    b. Optometrist (eye doctor) (9)
    c. Behavioral Health Clinician (4)
2. Chiropractor (10)
3. Elder Assistance when in Anchorage (9)

What do you think is our #1 barrier to community wellness?

1. Knowledge on living sober - acceptance
2. Exercise
3. Geographically challenged

What is your dream/long-term goal(s) for Eastern Aleutian Tribes?

1. More dental visits, eye doctors, etc.
2. Expand facility – 2nd story?
3. To become the #1 health organization in Alaska.