

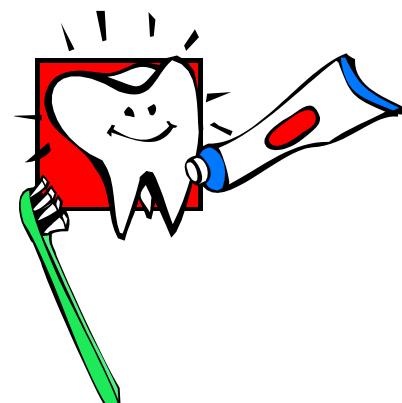
Eastern Aleutian Tribes  
Executive Director Report  
Jennifer Harrison  
October 2015



Selma Ramsdell, HR Director, at the Health Fair in Whittier  
October 13, 2015

**Service**

- “Caught Ya Caring” – September was Suicide Prevention Month and we received this anonymous letter last month. It was an entire page, so I had to shorten it.
  - **Chris Diaz, Itinerant CHAP**, deserves recognition for reaching out to a patient. Although Chris and this patient were not in the same towns, he received some worrisome concerns about a patient. He reached out to the patient, who was stuck in a bad spot. If it were not for Chris reaching out and expressing what he had heard, things would have ended tragically. The encouragement from him helped the patient see that life is worth living.
  - With Chris reaching out to the patient, they were able to admit to what was going on in their life, and be able to reach out for care through the clinic to **Robert Finley (Itinerant PA) and Marcella Decosta (BHA, Sand Point)**. The patient would like to thank Robert for being so understandable through the whole situation. Robert, the patient thanks you so much for being such a great man with a great heart, and Marcy thank you for taking the time to go to the patient’s house during the weekend. This all happened during non-working hours.
- **Adak - Upcoming Services:**
  - December 27 – January 7<sup>th</sup> – Erik Linduska, DHAT
- **Akutan - Upcoming Services:**
  - December 28 – January 9<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT
- **Cold Bay - Upcoming Services:**
  - October 21 – 28<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT and Allen Kuchenoff, Dental Assistant
  - November 16 – 19<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT
- **False Pass - Upcoming Services:**
  - November 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Koehler
- **King Cove - Upcoming Services:**
  - October 19 – November 4<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby Costa, Dental Assistant



- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Health Fair (Nolan the Colon is coming.)
- **Nelson Lagoon - Upcoming Services:**
  - November 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> - SCF Optometry
  - November 7 – 14<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby
  - November 30 – December 5<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Koehler
- **Sand Point - Upcoming Services:**
  - November 14 – 25<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby
  - November 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Sarah Steinbarger, SCF Optometrist
  - November 30 – December 22<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT and Allen, Dental Assistant
- **Whittier - Upcoming Services**
  - October 13<sup>th</sup> – Health Fair (Nolan the Colon is coming.)
  - October 13 – (Marla (MG) Moore, BH Clinician)
  - November 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> - (Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, Dental Assistant)



## **People**

- Welcome our New Hires:
  - **Martha Shane**, Community Health Aid Trainee (CHA-T), Akutan (first day Oct 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Estrella Rizo**, Intermittent Janitor, Adak (first day October 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Open Positions:
  - **Behavioral Health Aides/CHR\*** – Akutan (An itinerant is working in Akutan, but she could help other villages if we could fill this position with a full-time person.)
  - **Behavioral Health Clinical Manager** – This position requires 50% traveling and we are looking for a Psychiatrist, Physician with added certification in Addiction Medicine or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in order to manage medications.
  - **Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor\*** - Akutan
  - **Community Health Aides\*** – Adak and Nelson Lagoon
  - **CIC/Community Health Representative (CHR)\*** – Akutan
  - **Health Benefit Specialist/CIC** – (King Cove or Sand Point) – We are looking for a resident of King Cove or Sand Point to become a Health Benefit Specialist. They will be trained as a back-up CIC. This position requires travel to all the other sites 50% of time.
  - **Intermittent Janitor\*** – King Cove (part-time)
  - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Adak, Akutan, and Sand Point, and recruiting for Itinerants
  - **Planning and Development Manager** – Any Site
  - **Primary Care Technician (PCT)\*** – King Cove

\*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

## **Report on Events:**

- EAT had their annual board meeting on October 12-14. Highlights of the meeting:

- Tour of Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) Primary Care Center and appreciation lunch with Village Docs
- Presentation on SCF's Family Wellness Warriors. The next **Beauty for Ashes** workshop is October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup> in Girdwood. There will be another one in May 2016. EAT has the funding to send the primary and alternate EAT board members, **plus one community member from each community**. If you are interested in the October one or getting on the list for May 2016, please contact Betty Calugan at 1-866-328-4911.
  - Beauty for Ashes is a faith-based conference designed to educate and train individuals on how to interact with, work with and respond to those whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, abuse and neglect.
  - As leaders in our homes and communities, it is important that we understand the lasting and long term impact that domestic violence, abuse and neglect has on those who have experienced it, or are currently experiencing it. It is important that each person be aware of how these painful circumstances can negatively impact the way we currently relate to others and the way others relate to us. When we are able to see each individual as a person of worth and dignity and treat them as such, the result can have a profound impact that translates into healthier relationships at home, work and throughout our communities.
- Actions Taken:
  - Approved Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) resolution to support inclusion of a dental clinic in the expanded east wing of the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC)



- Financial support for Aleutian Housing Authorities' (AHA) grant applications to renovate the **King Cove community center into an elders facility**
  - Financial support to create a regional Elders Fund
  - Approval to move forward to Cerner as our new electronic health record (E.H.R.). This is the same system as what they use at the Alaska Native Medical Center and the Primary Care Center. Being on the same system will greatly improve our care management processes and resolve many of our travel communication issues.
- This new system could be implemented as soon as January 2016 or as late as October 2016.