

Eastern Aleutian Tribes
Monthly Update
October/November 2017



EAT Board Members and Directors touring ANTHC's new infusion center
in the Healthy Community Building with Roald Helgesen, ANTHC CEO
October 17, 2017

Service

- Passport to Healthy Travel Program:



2nd Quarter Winner: **August Bennett** from Adak
3rd Qtr. Winner: **Delores Kochuten** from King Cove

Remember to come in for your annual screenings

- **Adak - Upcoming Services:**

- December 13 – 20th - Dr. Michael Costa and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)

- **Akutan - Upcoming Services:**

- November 30th – December 12th - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)

- Cold Bay – No Upcoming Services Scheduled

- False Pass – No Upcoming Services Scheduled

- **King Cove - Upcoming Services:**

- October 26 – November 15th – David Modde (BH Clinician)
- November 13th – January 12th – George Kirchner (BH Clinician)
- November 22 – 24th – Dr. Danita Koehler (Medical Director)
- December 13th until TBD – Shonna Wheeler (DHAT)
- January 8 until TBD – David Modde (BH Clinician)

- Nelson Lagoon – No Upcoming Services Scheduled

- **Sand Point - Upcoming Services:**

- November 9 – 29th - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)
- November 13 – 17th – Sandy Graham (ANTHC Physical Therapist)

- Whittier – No Upcoming Services Scheduled



People

- Welcome:

- **Hansel Mathlaw**, Senior Grants Accounting, started on October 2nd
- **Catherine Mizen**, Compliance/Risk Officer, started on November 6th
- **Danielle Shawgo**, BH&W Manager, will start on December 4th

- Open Positions:

- Community Health Aides* – Adak and Nelson Lagoon and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
- Community Health Aide (CHA)/ CHR* – Akutan and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
- Community Health Aide/Practitioner (CHAP) Manager – includes travel to all sites
- Community Wellness Advocate/BHA* (part-time) – Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, or Nelson Lagoon with regular travel to the other three villages
- Dental Hygienist(s) – Travel to sites (100%)
- Mental Health Clinician – King Cove
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)/Physician Assistant (PA) – Adak, Akutan, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point, and recruiting for traveling NP/PA
- Physician – Recruiting for residents and traveling Physicians (King Cove and Sand Point)

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



- Caught Ya Caring for September:

- **Brenda Wilson**, BHAP in King Cove, recently worked diligently to find temporary and continued housing for a displaced Elder. It just needed to be done and she did it without question.
- **Esther Bennett** (CHR in Adak), **Joanna Karlsen** (CHA-II/CMS in Sand Point), **David Moode** (traveling BH Clinician), and **Debbie Malavansky** (Administrative Assistant in Anchorage) are always willing to go the extra mile! Thank you Immunization Team! Joanna won the prize this month, please see picture on the left.

- Caught Ya Caring for October:

- Yahoo! Our HRSA grant has been successfully uploaded! Hopefully, we will not have to do a full application again for three years. Huge thank you to **Anita Moran** (Finance Director), **Dr. Danita Koehler** (Medical Director), **Tina Cloyd**

(HR Director), **Edgar Smith** (Operations Director), **Nellie Bielke** (CI Manager), **Rachael Yatchmeneff** (Administration Assistant/CIC) and **Betty Calugan** (Administration Services Director in picture on right) for dropping everything and working together to get this submitted.





- The Sand Point Clinic successfully hosted a Health Fair on Friday, October 20th. While everybody (**Karen Johansen** (Operations Support Manager), **Troy Brandell** (CIC), **Judy Niell** (PA-C), **Katie Van Atta** (PA-C), **George Gundersen** (CIC/IT), **Joanna Karlsen** (CHA-II/CMS), **Joe McMillan** (CHAP), **Gene Powers** (FNP), **Karen Kalmakoff** (CHR), **Sumner Stetson** (BHA), **Melinda Johnson** (CHA-IV), **Lorna Osterback** (CHR), **Eleanore Starr** (BH Clinician), and **Kathy Bear** (Dental Assistant/CHR) from King Cove) worked really hard until the very end and creatively put together their interesting and educational tables, it would not have happened and had so many amazing prizes without the hard work and persistence of their fearless leader, **Jani Gundersen** (Clinic Coordinator). Good Job Sand Point!

- Highlights from Medical Department:

- With help from Makani Zaima (CHA-T), we are ramping up **services for our diabetic patients** this next quarter by providing continuing education for providers, planning health care activities, and working with each site to plan a diabetic potluck.
- CHA/Ps continue with required continuing education and university courses. Susan Davis (CHAP/ EMS trainer) taught ETT and EMS courses for both staff and community members within **King Cove, Cold Bay, and Adak** this quarter.

- Events

On Friday, October 20th, the **Sand Point Clinic successfully hosted a Health Fair**. It was well attended by many children and some adults. Highlights included free flu shots, blood pressure and glucose checks, diabetic friendly foods, important health information, and lots of cool prizes. See pictures below:

	
<p>Jani Gundersen (Clinic Coordinator) receiving a flu shot from Joe McMillan (CHAP)</p>	<p>Judy Niell (PA-C) and Gene Powers (FNP) sharing diabetic health information</p>



Karen Kalmakoff (CHR) and Eleanore Starr (BH Clinician) enjoying the diabetic friendly treats cooked by Lorna Osterback (CHR)



Melinda Johnson's (CHA-IV) table for blood pressure, glucose, and weight was popular with kids

• Highlights from Dental Department:

- Dr. Costa is currently **working with our new DHAT, Shonna Wheeler**, to complete her certification with a minimum of 400 hours of direct supervision.
- We had **three UAA dental hygiene students in King Cove** this summer providing cleanings for our patients. After being oriented to the King Cove Clinic, Dr. Bob Koff finished supervising the three Dental Hygiene Students. It was another successful working relationship with UAA.

• Highlights from Behavioral Health and Wellness:

- APIA in partnership with EAT were recently awarded \$200,000 for the "Implementation Phase". Together we continue to move forward with the **intensive outpatient (IOP) substance abuse treatment program** with a planned start date of January 2018.



- We are seeing progress towards obtaining federal permission to prescribe controlled substances via video conference for **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**. We already received State permission in February 2017 as long as a CHAP, PA, or NP did vitals prior to the tele-behavioral health appointment. We hope to be able to offer MAT in combination with IOP in 2018.



• Highlights from Operations:

- New **clinic location in Whittier** is in final stages of completion. The tentative move in date is some time in December. (See picture on left.)

- King Cove Clinic is getting a new fire alarm panel.
- Installing video endpoints in the clinics' emergency rooms for **Simulation Training Program**
- CHRs are becoming certified as **Community Health Workers**.
- CICs are becoming certified as **Certified Medical Administrative Assistants**.
- Partnered with Southcentral Foundation to **assist families/patients in applying for Medicaid and Veteran Affairs benefits**.

• Highlights from Administration:

- Prepared **dental goodie bags** for the children in the region. They were mailed out to the clinics to distribute just in time for Halloween.
- **Tracking packages** being mailed to the region, so we have data to demonstrate the issues we are having with mail service.
- Supporting **health fairs** and registration drives in the villages.



Quality

- Following our HRSA on-site inspection this summer, we received notice of a surprise award of **\$70,000 for our continuous effort to improve the quality of services** through our patient centered medical homes (PCMH). This outside evaluation validates the effort of each site, and every staff person who is striving for excellence.

More Cool Pictures from Sand Point Health Fair:

<p>Shay Nielsen gets into the Halloween mood at the Health Fair</p>	<p>Joanna Karlsen (CHA-II/CMS) and George Gundersen (IT/CIC) share important health information</p>