

Eastern Aleutian Tribes  
Executive Director Report  
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June 2015



Groundbreaking of Patient Housing next to ANMC  
May 2015

### People

- Welcome our New Hires:
  - **Jason Cronk**, Community Health Aide (CHA), Adak (first day June 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Lorna Osterback**, Janitor (intermittent), Sand Point (first day June 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Open Positions:
  - **Accounts Payable Technician** - Anchorage
  - **Behavioral Health Aides\*** – Akutan and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor\*** - Akutan
  - **Clinic Manager** – King Cove
  - **Community Health Aides\*** – Adak, Akutan, Cold Bay, and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Community Health Representative (CHR)\*** – Akutan (part-time)
  - **Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT)\*** – Sand Point (We are looking for an experienced DHAT or a resident of Sand Point that wants to go to DHAT training.)
  - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Sand Point, King Cove, and recruiting for Itinerants (We are also open to filling these two positions with a physician.)
  - **Planning and Development Director** – Any Site
  - **Purchasing Technician** - Anchorage
  - **Registered Nurse (RN) Case Manager / Community Health Aide** - Cold Bay
  - **Registered Nurse (RN) Case Manager** - King Cove

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

- Our current FTE positions are 82.25 and our turnover rate this past quarter was 4%. For comparison, Southcentral Foundation's turnover rate is 12%.

### Service

- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from June All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Doug Finney** (CHAP Manager, Anchorage) - In my short time with EAT while sitting in the office beside Mr. Finney, I have listened to him provide reassurance and

advice on a number of difficult situations. I then had the privilege of actually seeing him work directly with the health aides in King Cove. He clearly has their trust and respect. They know they can call him anytime for any reason. What more can a company ask from one of their managers? I am truly humbled to be working with such a wonderful Community Health Aide Director.



- **Rachel Yatchmeneff** (Intern, King Cove/Anchorage) - She was really nice and considerate. I love how friendly and caring she is. I would like to nominate Rachael, for helping things run smoothly while we were shorthanded in the front office. The clinic also did not have a working phone system at that time. Thank you for your great team work and flexibility. (picture on the left)

- **Allie Yatchmeneff** (CIC, King Cove) - Thank you Allie for your help and fast service. (June 2014)

- **Ross Bucher** (IT Technician, Anchorage) - Ross is so helpful and he always stays calm and positive no matter how his day is going or how busy he gets. He is knowledgeable in what he does, and if he can't assist right away, he makes sure to follow up later. He is also very courteous and thoughtful. He is an asset to EATs! Thank

you, Ross, for all you do! You're great to work with.

- **Executive Director:**

- Sand Point: July 6-10, 2015
- Adak: July 26 – 30, 2015 – Along with the City of Adak, we have invited the Veteran's Administration to come with us to look into the possibility of renovating the military hospital into clinic space.

- **Medical Director – Dr. Danita Koehler:**

- Sand Point: June 22 – 26, 2015
- Akutan: June 29 – July 3, 2015
- Working on scheduling trips to Adak, Cold Bay, False Pass, and Nelson Lagoon.

- **SCF Village Doctors:**

- Sand Point: September 7 – 11th (Hartman)
- False Pass: September 14 – 16<sup>th</sup> (Leoncio)
- Nelson Lagoon: September 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> (Leoncio)
- King Cove: September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> (Saunders)

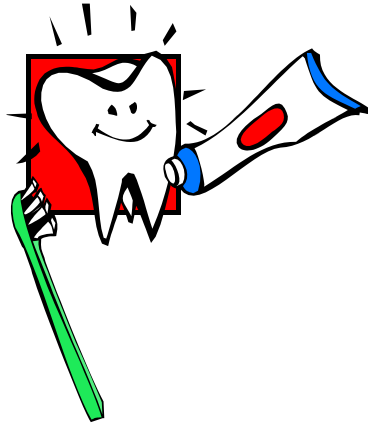
- **Behavioral Health – Gary Williams, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager:** (Picture on the right)

- Adak: June 28 – July 5<sup>th</sup>
- False Pass: July 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Cold Bay: July 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Nelson Lagoon: July 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>



- **Dental Services:**

- Sand Point: June 22 – July 8<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, DA)



- Sand Point: June 29 – August 8<sup>th</sup> (Ben, DHAT)
- Akutan: July 4 -18<sup>th</sup> (Erik, DHAT)
- Nelson Lagoon: July 9 – 18<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, DA)
- King Cove: July 19 – 31<sup>st</sup> (Erik, DHAT)
- King Cove: July 20 – August 29<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, DA)

- Highlights:

- We are excited that **Erik Linduska**, DHAT, came back as an itinerant for the summer. In the fall, he returns to college to work towards becoming a Dentist.

- **Shonna Wheeler** from King Cove starts DHAT training in July.

- **Community Health Aide/Practitioner (CHA/P) Services:**

- **Bonita Babcock** and **Riza Bendixen** completed their preceptorships with **Eileen Owen-Williams**, NP in King Cove. They are now ready to be certified as CHAPs at the next CHA Board Meeting.

- **SCF Optometry (eye doctor):**

- Akutan: September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup>



### **Report on Events:**

On May 28, 2015, EAT along with the City of King Cove, APIA and our consultants (Agnew::Beck), hosted a focused community meeting to discuss the feasibility study results, current financial analysis activities, and potential business plan for a **senior residential facility** in King Cove.

- **29 people participated in the meeting**, including 9 Elders and representatives from the Agdaagux Tribal Council and Belkofski Tribal Council.
- Most of the discussion focused on the desire for nursing assisted living, but the feasibility of it only being for **independent living** at this time. Great ideas were shared on how to manage the facility with a caregiver and how it can become a senior center that all Elders can enjoy, not just the ones living in the facility.
- APIA shared information about their new Personal Care Assistant (PCA) program that is just starting, how it will benefit Elders that qualify for the services, and how it might benefit the senior residential facility.

