COMMUNITY STARS

August 4, 2021

Thank you for submitting a nomination for Murray Buttner, MD.

Overview

Thank you for your 2021 Community Star Nomination. Here is a copy of the nomination for your records. If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

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Community Star Nominee: (Individual)

Murray Buttner, MD

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

Rural Primary Care Safety Net

Please describe your connection to the individual or organization you are nominating.

Dr. Buttner collaborated with State Office of Rural Health and Alaska Trauma Review Committee to bring Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALS) training to family practice providers in Alaska.

Please explain the individual's or organization's connection to or interaction with their State Office of Rural Health.

In 2021, Dr. Buttner collaborated with State Office of Rural Health and Alaska Trauma Review Committee to bring Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALS) training to family practice providers in Alaska. Iliuliuk Family and Health Services is an FQHC in remote Alaska, specifically the Aleutian Chain, that sees a larger number of trauma cases than most clinics due to their remote location with busy commercial fishing ports and extreme weather.

The Community Star Recognition Program is designed to honor those whose contributions are making a difference in rural through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication. What do you believe to be your nominee's "star" qualities? Provide examples of how your nominee demonstrates these qualities in their work and service.

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remote and austere environments. Dr. Buttner's work in Alaska has been in rural and remote healthcare practices in Unalaska, Klawock, Juneau and Cordova. He has also been a faculty member at the Alaska Family Medicine Program in Anchorage.

He has a compelling story of being the first to arrive on scene of a plane crash in Dutch Harbor in Oct 2019, shortly after he competed CALS training in the lower 48. Those skills were essential to his ability to respond and save lives, and he immediately became a strong advocate for brining CALS training to Alaska. Dr. Buettner coordinated with Carletta Huck at the Alaska Association of Family Physicians, the Alaska Trauma Review Committee, and Alaska SORH to bring CALS training to Anchorage, Alaska. This May (2021), 46 healthcare providers from 16 different rural locations statewide completed CALS training, and six Alaska providers were mentored as instructors for future courses.

Quote from Dr. Buttner:

"I think that the first courses went incredibly well. There was nearly unanimous "buy in" from the participants (providers and instructors) that this course meets a huge need in our state. The course reviews spoke eloquently to that. Moreover, I think everyone involved, including the CALS team from Minnesota, was impressed with rural Alaska's unique challenges that will require modification of the CALS curriculum to make it even more relevant and impactful to our practice settings. If we build it, they will come!"

Plane crash in Dutch Harbor. Link to news article:

https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2019/10/18/one-passenger-died-in-unalaska-crash-of-penair-plane-flying-from-anchorage-that-injured-10-others/

Unalaska's local media station KUCB featured the CALS training. Link to article: https://www.kucb.org/post/alaska-healthcare-professionals-gather-rural-emergency-medical-training#stream/0

The 2021 Community Star Selection Committee will review and evaluate nominations, making recommendations for which stories to include in this year's book and other NRHD activities based on the following merits. Please review these and select all that apply to your nominee.

Contributes to rural health innovation, education, collaboration, and communication.

Describe in as much detail as possible, examples of your nominee's work and accomplishments that correspond with your selections to the question above.

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I can confirm that the individual or organization is making a difference in rural

through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication, and is located, working, or volunteering in a designated rural area.

Yes

I can confirm that I have notified the nominee of their nomination, and the nomination will be accepted.

Yes

How did you learn about the 2021 Community Star Recognition Program?

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