

Outstanding TB Outreach Worker 2017



On June 28th, the Division of TB and Newcomer Health held a TB Outreach Worker meeting and presented an award for the “**Outstanding TB Outreach Worker, 2017**”. Characteristics and skills such as community collaboration, customer service, teamwork, dependability and reliability were judged. Nominations were sent in from all over the state by TB Nurse case managers, Nurse Managers and others who have had an opportunity to work closely with the nominee. We received 10 nominations that described the wonderful work that TB outreach workers are doing in the districts but could only select one.

We congratulate **Ana Salazar, of Prince William District - Woodbridge**, as the Outstanding TB Outreach Worker for 2017. Below are some comments taken from the six separate nominations we received.

“I have worked with Ana Salazar for 12 years. She is an advocate for those in her care. She is very knowledgeable about Tuberculosis and works diligently to keep abreast of any new practices implemented by TB Control.”

“I have supervised Ana for the past six months and it did not take me long to realize how lucky I am to have her as part of my team”.

“Being new, I have a lot of questions. Ana is always willing to help. Her work is not limited to directly observed therapy or collecting sputum samples. She addresses concerns beyond health needs such as helping a client get their child registered for school. She maintains a smile and a positive attitude. She is flexible and adjusts her schedule to complete whatever is asked of her.”

“Ana has made my work at PWHD with team TB great for me”

“Ana is very organized, dependable and reliable. She always collaborates with the nurses to make sure the clients’ plan of care is followed.”

“Ana is one of the best employees I have ever worked with.”

“I can always rely on Ana treating the clients with respect and professionalism. She takes the initiative to ensure clients are aware of other community resources available to them.”

“Ana never ignores a client complaint, regardless of how small it may seem. During one DOT visit, Ana saw that the client was not breathing right. She called the PHN case manager immediately and made her aware of the client’s condition. That was very impressive! We know that our clients are in very good hands due to an excellent teammate like Ana.”

And the best compliment is “Ana is the best sputum collector at our clinic!”