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Aviva Health Public Health Program Coordinator Recognized as Emerging Leader by Oregon Public Health Association

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Aviva Health Public Health Program Coordinator Alyson Pinkelman received the Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA) Emerging Leader Award last week, given to an individual who demonstrates leadership, innovation and creativity.

At Aviva Health, Pinkelman coordinates the Reproductive Health and School-based Health Center programs. She also established and co-facilitated a Youth2Youth model group at Phoenix School of Roseburg and Youth Action Council at Roseburg High School.

“Alyson has made such a profound impact on the community in the short time she’s been here at Aviva Health,” says Melissa Owens, Aviva Health’s events coordinator who nominated Pinkelman for the award. “We’re all incredibly proud of her work and lucky to have her as a colleague.”

Pinkelman also serves as a leader on the Douglas County Tobacco Policy Committee, Aviva Health’s Day Care Project Committee, Aviva Health’s Safety Committee, and recently was asked to help provide public health education to Aviva Health’s resident doctors during their community health rotations.

Her community involvement includes working with the Douglas County Creating Community Resilience team and the Perinatal Task Force. Her clear commitment to the community earned her an invitation to serve on the Directive Board of Peace at Home, a survivors’ advocacy center, where she has been working to reinstate a co-located survivors’ advocate at Aviva Health to ensure patients can access the resources they need.

Two of the four OPHA award recipients are from Douglas County. Dane Zahner of HIV Alliance received OPHA’s Health Equity Champion Award.

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ABOUT AVIVA HEALTH

Founded in 1991, Aviva Health is an independent, board-governed, not-for-profit organization that cares for the people of Douglas County by providing high-quality, patient-centered, accessible,

and affordable medical, dental, behavioral health, pediatric, and women's and reproductive health services, regardless of a person's ability to pay.

Aviva Health offers integrated services from nine clinic sites in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Glide and North Douglas County (Drain), including a Teen Health Center located on the campus of Roseburg High School. In partnership with CHI Mercy Medical Center, Aviva Health also serves as the family medicine practice site for the Roseburg Family Medicine Residency Program.

Aviva Health's commitment to the community and its mission to provide quality, compassionate care has earned it a variety of local, statewide, regional, and national awards, including numerous The News-Review Readers' Choice Awards, the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association's Employer of Choice Summit Award, and Community Health Quality Recognition from the Health Resources and Services Administration.