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Aviva Health Community Health Vaccine Manager Recipient of National Immunization Champion Award

ROSEBURG, Ore. – The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) announced today that Aviva Health Community Health Vaccine Manager Sallie Dean is the recipient of its 2024 AIM Champion Award.

According to AIM, the annual “award honors up to one champion from each of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, six cities, and eight U.S. territories. This award recognizes individuals who are working at the local level. It honors those doing an exemplary job or going above and beyond to promote or foster immunizations in their communities, for both children and adults.”

Dean was the only person in Oregon and one of 65 in the United States and its territories to receive the award.

“It’s incredible but not surprising that Sallie was selected for this award,” says Brittany Shaver, director of Specialty and Dental Operations at Aviva Health. “She truly is a champion who has dedicated herself to promoting and delivering immunizations across our community for more than two decades.”

“The team at the Oregon Immunization Program is thrilled to recognize Sallie for her outstanding immunization work and commitment to addressing rural inequities,” says Mimi Luther, Oregon Health Authority Immunization Program interim section manager. “She’s always been a champion in our eyes.”

For many years, Dean has been a driving force behind efforts to make vaccinations available to people living outside the county seat of Roseburg, delivering immunizations at pop-up events in sparsely populated locations of the region with no reliable healthcare resources like Drain and Elkton.

Over her career, she has single-handedly administered thousands of immunizations. Never was her impact more palpable than during the COVID-19 pandemic when she played a pivotal role in delivering vaccinations in collaboration with the local public health authority, hospital and school districts to front-line healthcare workers and medically fragile individuals at mass-vaccination events held across the county.

For more information on Aviva Health, please visit www.aviva.health for more information.

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 and behavioral health care, regardless of their 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.