

## Jefferson County Public Health Hero Award Winners

Public Health Hero awards are given out every year as a way to recognize those who make a difference in the health and well-being of our community

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### Public Health Heroes 2019

Every Year Public Health week is celebrated nationally and local Jefferson County Heroes are nominated. This year the Jefferson County Board of Health is honored to present the Public Health Heroes award to individuals in the areas of Global Health, Healthy Communities, Rural Health, Violence Prevention, Technology & Public Health, and Climate Change.

- **Global Health - Bob Bindschadler** for his international work on climate change and his active participation with the 20/20 Climate Action Outreach group as speaker and action initiatives.
- **Healthy Communities - The Recyclery** for their dedication to introducing and educating youth to incorporate the bicycle into an active approach to life. The Recyclery offers ways for any young person of any means to obtain a bike through its community programming.
- **Rural Health - Susan O'Brien, ARNP**, Jefferson County Public Health for her tireless clinical work providing both family planning services to residents of Jefferson County and health services to adolescents through school based health clinics. She is a tireless community advocate for adolescent health and access to family planning services in Jefferson County.
- **Violence Prevention - Teresa Shiraishi, MSW**, of the Dove House, is honored as a tireless advocate for the prevention of intimate partner violence. One of her many capacities at the Dove House is as an instructor of Relationship Skills. She partners with the Port Townsend, Chimacum and Quilcene school districts to teach 8th and 9th graders healthy relationship skills.
- **Technology & Public Health - Julie Iszley**, Washington Health Care Authority. Julie goes above and beyond to assist people with the Apple Health application process and problem solves technical issues and addresses concerns they encounter in the Washington Healthplan Finder. Ensuring eligible people are able to apply for insurance and receive it are important steps in increasing access to health care which is one of the Jefferson County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priority goals.
- **Climate Change - Owen Fairbank**, former board member of Jefferson Land Trust and helpful partner to Jefferson County on open space projects. He has volunteered endless hours to the welfare of the community by building climate resilience through open space and habitat protections at Jefferson Land Trust. He is someone who walks the talk by living his life in ways that reduce his carbon footprint.