

Gratitude and Goodbye



Over sixteen years of providing care for the Nisqually people and the surrounding community has been the greatest honor of my career. As I move on, please know that I carry with me cherished memories and valuable lessons I have learned from you.

Some of my favorite recollections include working in the old clinic where we once had a bat fly into the sharps container and providing care to the Nisqually Canoe Family and their guests in the tent at Canoe Journey 2016. During COVID our small team rose to the challenge by offering testing, treatment and vaccines to keep the community safe all while having fun in the Youth Center parking lot or Billy Frank Jr. gym.

Moving into the new NTHWC facility was awe inspiring and uplifting for staff and patients alike. I share pride in the work we've done to grow, adding staff and services such as prenatal care, a dedicated pediatric provider, medications for substance use disorder treatment and expanded lab services. I am extremely grateful to have witnessed all these changes.

We have a wonderful medical team, and I am confident that you are in excellent hands with Dr. Aneesa Sataur, Elizabeth Siegel, ARNP and Rachel

VanDeMark, DNP. They bring clinical expertise and deep commitment, and I have no doubt they will continue to provide the excellent medical care you have come to know.

I will miss being part of the incredible NTHWC team, but at the same time, I am looking forward to new adventures. Thank you for your trust, kindness, and support, and for allowing me to be a part of your care these many years.

With my deepest gratitude and warmest wishes,

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