



Women of **DISTINCTION**

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Mallory Delaney

Mallory Delaney, MHS, PA-C, practices internal medicine at Bassett Healthcare Network. She has been in practice for five years in addiction recovery and in the care of medically complex adults. A few years ago, her interest in helping addicted patients led her to seek additional education and training in order to obtain an "X" waiver. This practitioner waiver allows her to provide opioid dependency treatment with approved buprenorphine medications; she's been treating opiate addiction in her patient population for just over two years.

Ms. Delaney is one of several primary care practitioners at Bassett Healthcare Network's 125 Main St., Oneonta health center. Her patient panel consists of 900 individuals, many with complex medical needs.

A few months ago, the team's work changed dramatically when the coronavirus pandemic hit locally. COVID-19 changed everything overnight. Ms. Delaney found herself working the COVID-19 screening tent through all kinds of weather, including snow, rain and heat.

She says one of the most fulfilling aspects of working through the pandemic has been the ability to help people she hadn't previously met. Many of the individuals coming to the Oneonta screening tent were from outside the region.

"I think it is one of the times Bassett has really stood out with open arms in the region. No matter who you are, even if you aren't a Bassett patient, we were able to say, 'don't worry, we will take care of you.'"

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Bassett Healthcare Network has screened several thousand people in its eight-county region; Ms. Delaney alone screened over 500 individuals.

Bassett's Chief Clinical Officer, Steven Heneghan, MD, says, "I was tracking all the testing, how many people were tested, the positives and negative rates, the number of patients being followed by our practitioners after a test result, and I was amazed at this one person who stood out. She, and other practitioners, put themselves in harm's way to take care of our patients."

Ms. Delaney resides in Oneonta, New York where she is an active member of her church and enjoys gardening and caring for her cat, Charlie.

***Mallory Delaney was selected as a
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