

UTAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, FEBRUARY 2016
STEVE MICKELSON
DIVISION DIRECTOR, FAMILY AND PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

This employee was hired January 30, 2012 in the largest division of the Utah County Health Department. At the time the division was undergoing lots of changes so he had to spread his wings and fly. There was no time for formal training and luckily he came fully equipped and trained to do the job.

In the past 3 years as the Nursing Division Director, Steve Mickelson is responsible to oversee the day to day operations of his division making sure all services for the public are functioning. He has even been dubbed “The Flash” as he zooms from task to task, up and down the stairs to offices on different floors, dispensing his valuable knowledge everywhere he goes.

Employees in his division comment on his skills and good nature:

“It has been a great adventure working with Steve and we appreciate all of his support. He works really hard to keep the peace. We always feel we can rely on his knowledge and skills as a medical professional. We are looking forward to many more years of laughs, fun comradery, and our one Skittle and Hershey's Kiss a year.”

“Steve is a nice and kind supervisor who helps employees by answering all questions. He is especially helpful with the public.”

“His good humor shines, even when under stress. He knows how to keep calm in any situation.”

“Steve is a great Nursing Director. He listens to the nurse's needs and tries hard to find a solution to every problem. He is very supportive and approachable when a problem arises. He is very caring with the clients that come to the Health Department. He treats them with the utmost respect and explains medications and procedures clearly and with ease. He speaks Spanish fluently and many of our Spanish speaking clients are very grateful to have such a caring Nurse Practitioner help them with their clinic visits.”

As part of overseeing such a large division, Steve has developed and keeps close working relationships with many Utah County departments. One department has to say:

“From my perspective and working relationship with Steve I have noticed that he strives to be fair and pragmatic in his approach to decision making and dealing with others. I appreciate his approachable and friendly manner and consider him to be a great asset not only to Utah County Government, but to our community.”

So it is with great enthusiasm that we nominate Steve Mickelson as Employee of Month!

Nominated by Ralph Clegg, Director – Health Department / Local Health Officer