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Anoka County Human Services Manager Wins Outstanding Service Award

Cindy Cesare, Anoka County Human Services Division Manager, recently won a 2021 Association of Minnesota Counties' (AMC) Outstanding Service Award for exhibiting excellence, innovation and dedication to her work in county government.

Cesare, who has been with Anoka County for 30 years, was recognized by AMC for her leadership, continued drive for excellence and her dedication to the mission of serving residents in a respectful, innovative, and fiscally responsible manner.

Over the past 30 years at Anoka County, Cesare has worked in various capacities, and in each role, she has consistently been willing to take on added responsibilities. Her ability to work with staff and understand their work and the day-to-day challenges they face is rare in a leader.

Under her leadership, the AMC and Local Government Innovation award-winning mentorship program was developed — this program provides support and leadership opportunities to county staff. She has been an active member of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators and has developed the trust of key legislators. Cesare has worked to modernize the service delivery model in Economic Assistance and in other areas as well, always communicating with all stakeholders. She has overseen the work of Public Health and their response to the pandemic, keeping a pulse on what her staff needs. Cesare works hard, is dedicated, and stands her ground on the tough issues. She is analytical, knowledgeable, compassionate and is a team player.

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“Anoka County has been fortunate to have Cindy Cesare working here for three decades – her expertise, professional demeanor and dedication to our citizens is invaluable,” said District 6 Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. “There are thousands of people who could have probably been selected for this award, but Cindy rose to the top, and she deserves the accolade. She does a fantastic job in Anoka County, and anyone who works with her knows she’s among the best at what she does.”

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Cindy Cesare, Anoka County Human Services Division Manager

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