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Anoka County Public Health Department Receives Award

Anoka County’s Public Health and Environmental Services department was recently recognized as the recipient of the 2023 Organizational Neighborhood HealthSource (NHS) Builder Award for its ongoing partnership of serving the vulnerable population in Anoka County.

The NHS Builder Award is the most public and prestigious way NHS honors a partner organization that has helped shape the way they deliver care. The purpose of the award is to recognize partnerships that support their mission to improve health care access and quality for patients.

“Part of our county’s mission statement is to be innovative — this award is proof of that innovation,” said Commissioner Matt Look, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners.

Award criteria includes making substantial contributions of time and resources, improvements in health care access or services, and showing above and beyond dedication to the NHS mission.

“As a public health department, we can’t do this work alone so having really strong partners like Neighborhood HealthSource is just a gift,” said Public Health and Environmental Services Director Jonelle Hubbard. “Kudos to the team. These staff members work whenever needed to ensure these individuals have the care, medications, and resources they need.”

The award was presented to the department at the Rise, Shine, and Give event in October.

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Front row, from left: Commissioner Julie Braastad; Nicole Spitzer, Public Health nursing senior manager; Jonelle Hubbard, Public Health and Environmental Services director; Susan Perkins, Public Health nursing supervisor; Jordanna Dombrovskis, associate program specialist; Nicole Collette, Public Health nurse; Sarah Larson, Public Health nurse; Asia Ulferts, administrative assistant; Commissioner Mandy Meisner. Back row, from left: Commissioner Jeff Reinert; Commissioner Scott Schulte; Commissioner Matt Look; Carley Harvey, Public Health nurse; Lisa Risse, Public Health nurse; Commissioner Mike Gamache; Commissioner Julie Jeppson.

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