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## **Governor recognizes Southeast Human Service Center addiction unit supervisor Jeff McKinnon for helping others**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Today at the annual state employee recognition week luncheon, Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford presented Jeff McKinnon, addiction unit supervisor at Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo, with the Heritage Award for customer service.

His peers in the North Dakota Department of Human Services nominated McKinnon because of his exemplary focus on customer service. The award honors a public servant who has shown resourcefulness, determination and personal integrity to do what is right by the customer.

McKinnon's co-workers describe him as dedicated and caring and said, "He consistently provides the center's clients with the time and attention they deserve and tirelessly advocates for access to substance use disorder services."

They said his passion for his work is contagious and motivates and challenges the case managers, licensed addiction counselors and human relations counselors on his team to continue to innovate to address clients' changing needs.

McKinnon was involved in implementing Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDT) in Fargo, which has been effective in supporting recovery, and reducing hospitalizations and legal involvement of program participants who live with both serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

McKinnon started his career at Southeast Human Service Center in 1998 as a community home counselor.

Burgum and Sanford presented nine state employee recognition awards today to eight individuals and one team.

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