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Erie County Health Department's Kelsey Strickfaden Recognized for Excellence in Community Care Coordination

Sandusky, OH, January 9, 2026 –The Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB has officially recognized Kelsey Strickfaden of the Erie County Health Department for her outstanding contributions to community health and patient advocacy. During a formal presentation, Strickfaden was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for enrolling 76 funded clients in 2025, the highest number of enrollments for the year.

The Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB, managed by the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO), is a regional care coordination system designed to connect at-risk and low-income residents with vital medical and social services. By utilizing Community Health Workers (CHWs), the program addresses social determinants of health such as housing, transportation, and food security to ensure that all community members can achieve optimal health outcomes.

"We are incredibly proud of Kelsey's dedication to the residents of Erie County," said Nicole Ziegler, RN, Chief Health Services Officer for the Erie County Health Department. "Enrolling 76 clients in the Pathways HUB represents 76 individuals and families who now have a direct line to the resources they need to thrive. As a Gold Award recipient from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), ECHD/ECCHC is the premiere provider in the area, and Kelsey's commitment to excellence is a perfect reflection of the high standard of care we provide to our community."

Strickfaden's achievement highlights the growing impact of the HUB model in Erie County, where care coordinators work one-on-one with clients to navigate complex systems and remove barriers to care. Her record-breaking enrollment numbers underscore the high demand for these services and the effectiveness of the Erie County Health Department's outreach efforts.

For more information about the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB or the services provided by the Erie County Health Department, please visit eriecohealthohio.com or call (419)626-5623, Ext. 5168.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department's mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County while preventing disease through essential public health services. The Erie County Community Health Center is part of the Erie County Health Department and operates eight convenient locations across Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties, ensuring accessible primary care, dental, and behavioral health services throughout the region.

For more information about Health Department or Health Center services, visit www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com.

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