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Bismarck Opioid Overdose Partnership to Receive Partnership Building Award

BISMARCK – The Bismarck Opioid Overdose Partnership is the recipient of the 2024 North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Partnership Building Award.

NDANO will present the 2024 North Dakota Nonprofits Awards during a luncheon at noon on May 30 at the Bismarck Event Center. The luncheon is the closing event for the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Tickets for the Awards Luncheon are available at <u>www.ndano.org</u>.

The Partnership Building Award is given to an organization that has demonstrated community leadership and built partnerships within the North Dakota nonprofit sector.

Heartview partnered with Sanford Health, CHI, Ministry on the Margins, and the Bismarck Police Department to create the 'Bismarck Opioid Overdose Partnership,' which provides medications and peer support to overdose patients to bridge the gap between emergency rooms and addiction treatment. Through the partnership, a peer support specialist meets the patient at the emergency room to provide support through mutual, lived experience. The emergency room doctor prescribes needed medications and a Heartview case manager transitions the client into Heartview's treatment programs to stabilize their life as soon as possible. The program has evolved several times to reduce barriers and ensure as many individuals receive treatment as possible.

"It is an honor to present this award to this partnership, whose work has helped such a large community with the fight on drug addiction," says NDANO Executive Director Dana Hager.

All 2024 award recipients will be recognized at the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference, which brings together participants from across the state to participate in educational sessions, network, and exchange ideas. To register, visit <u>www.ndano.org</u>.

NDANO is the statewide membership association for the North Dakota nonprofit sector. Its mission is to educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits.