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**Public Health Sauk County Announces Recipients of 2025 Public Health Excellence Awards**

**Sauk County, Wis—** Public Health Sauk County is happy to announce the recipients of the 2025 Public Health Excellence Awards, a new recognition program celebrating our community's health champions. These awards recognize the people and organizations working to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Sauk County.

**Award Recipients:**

* **Public Health Lifetime Achievement:** Dr. John McAuliffe
* **Emergency Response Excellence:** Jeff Jelinek
* **Mental Health Advocacy:** Farmer Angel Network
* **Agricultural Health and Safety:** Serge Koenig
* **Youth Advocacy:** Travis Hilliard
* **Senior Advocacy:** Sauk County Aging and Disability Resource Center

Public Health Sauk County will celebrate these recipients at a special awards ceremony on October 14th, 2025, from 12:30-1:30 PM. The ceremony will take place in the County Board Room on the 3rd floor of the West Square Building in Baraboo. The organization invites all community members to attend this celebration, which will include light refreshments and recognition of these outstanding contributions.

“These awards celebrate people and organizations who solve health problems, keep others safe, and make Sauk County a better place to live, learn, work, and play,” says Jennifer Weitzel, Health Officer for Public Health Sauk County. “We're grateful for their ongoing work that continues to shape a brighter, healthier future for everyone in our county.”

**About Public Health Sauk County**

Public Health Sauk County supports the well-being of all people in our community. Through wellness programs, environmental health initiatives, and a focus on creating systemic change, we cultivate healthier places and people so that Sauk County can thrive. For more information on our programs and services, visit <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth>.

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