

**Side-by-Side Comparison**  
**Aurora Commission on Seniors and Aurora Health Access Senior Circle**

	<b>Aurora Commission on Seniors</b>	<b>AHA Senior Circle</b>
	 <p>Aurora Commission for Seniors</p>	 <p>AURORA HEALTH ACCESS</p>
<b>Purpose</b>	To enhance the quality of life of the Senior population in Aurora by supporting current programs and promoting the development of new ones	AHA created the Senior Circle to provide a forum for sharing information and energy around the needs of Aurora Seniors, and the resources available to address them.
<b>Area Of Interest</b>	Housing, Transportation, Health, Nutrition, Legislation, Recreation, Education, Advocacy, Networking	Health - including mental and oral health; including social determinants of health like housing, transportation, nutrition, social services, etc.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Members must be an Aurora resident, registered voter and cannot hold any paid, elected or appointed position with the city or any Board of Education. Members will be at least 45 years of age, with the majority of the commission over 55 years of age.	Open to anyone interested in participating. Individuals simply need to sign up through the AHA's website or during a Quarterly Community Meeting.
<b>Membership Overview</b>	Juanita Audrey, Douglas Bowen , Elizabeth Boyd, Marie Connolly, Ivy Hontz, Benjamin Moultrie (Chair), Donita Rafferty, Barbara Schneller	Ron DeVries, InnovAge (Chair) Currently (7/2015) there are 43 agencies/50 members. Lead agencies include InnovAge, Hunger Free Colorado, CGS/Senior Answers, Tri-County Health Dept., Central Colorado AHEC, Aurora Mental Health Center, Metro Community Provider Network, Senior Hub, PASCO, Humana, Colorado Access, Together Colorado and more.
<b>Projects/Products</b>	Senior resources, needs, and interests are listed on the city of Aurora's Seniors Resources website ( <a href="https://www.auroragov.org/LivingHere/SeniorResources/index.htm">https://www.auroragov.org/LivingHere/SeniorResources/index.htm</a> ).	Annual Aurora Seniors' Forum - June with a Resource Guide of Forum exhibitors; occasional position papers; educational speakers at some Circle meetings
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	First Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle . Meetings are open to the public.	Third Monday of the month at 2:00; usually at InnovAge 3551 North Chambers. Anyone sharing interest in Aurora's seniors is welcome to participate.
<b>Needs Assessment Capacity</b>		Ongoing input from Circle members, all of whom work with seniors. During the Annual Seniors Forum, a needs assessment is conducted among participants.
<b>Outreach and Communication Capacity</b>	Advises the Aurora City Council on effective Communications with seniors.	Monthly emails to Senior Circle members; list serve of Circle members; AHA monthly e-newsletter; AHA Quarterly Community Meetings
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