

# 2019 Annual Report



## Vision:

A community where all residents have an opportunity for health

## Mission:

To work collaboratively to improve access to healthcare & create a healthier Aurora, with a focus on the most vulnerable & underserved



**Increasing access!  
Expanding coverage!  
Building collaboration!**



**Aurora Health Alliance** (AHA) celebrated our **Tenth Anniversary** in 2019! We have been working all those years in and for Aurora to improve access to care and strengthen Aurora’s healthcare system. We work collaboratively to better recognize and understand barriers to care: by learning more about resources and services available in our community, by exploring new approaches and partnerships that strengthen the care offered, and by believing that we *can* do better.

Our Board Members contribute their time, energy, and resources to sustain AHA. A big thank you to them all!



Bobbie Jo Morrell

Mandy Ashley

Jo Glaviano



Much of AHA’s work is accomplished through Interest Groups, where we provide settings, information, and connections to produce and nourish new approaches and collaborations to strengthen Aurora’s healthcare system. Areas of focus for the Interest Groups are determined by community needs, member-identified priorities, and AHA’s capacity to make a difference in that area.

**Access to Specialty Care Interest Group**  
40 Active Individuals  
21 Active Organizations

This group focuses on understanding and addressing the barriers to accessing specialty care services. In 2019, the ASC group explored the **Upper Payment Limit** issues and are planning a special project around that, discussed access to **Behavioral Health Care**, and heard from the **Colorado Health Institute** on **Colorado’s Unmet Demand for Specialty Care** and the System We Need to Meet It.

**Kids Interest Group**  
28 Active Individuals  
14 Active Organizations

This group focuses on building community-wide collaborations and strengthening the capacity of children’s health initiatives, including refugee and immigrant communities. In 2019 our Kids Group co-hosted the meeting on **Gun Violence: Discussion on Prevention Tactics and Responses to Our Cultural Trauma**, hosted our bi-annual **Aurora Kids Convening** with Children’s Hospital Colorado, and explored the effects of **E-cigarettes** in youth.

**Senior Circle**  
80 Active Individuals  
54 Active Organizations

This group convenes individuals and organizations engaged with Aurora’s older adults and works with and supports the Aurora Commission for Seniors. In 2019 this group explored **Advanced Directives**, **LGBTQ Resources for Seniors**, **Alzheimer’s** impact on diverse communities, and issues around **Parkinson’s Disease**.

**Social Determinants of Health Interest Group**  
87 Active Individuals  
33 Active Organizations

This group investigates and discusses social determinants of health such as transportation, food, and other factors that can impact health. In 2019, our SDOH group convened a meeting on **Gun Violence: Discussion on Prevention Tactics and Responses to Our Cultural Trauma** with the Kids Group, discussed the importance of the **2020 Census**, and visited the **Undesign the Redline** exhibit, connecting the intentional and systematic racial housing segregation of the 1930s to political and social issues of today.

## Our Board

Julie Beaubian	Children’s Hospital Colorado
Deidre Callanan, DC, RDG, MPH	University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
Bonnie DeHart	Arapahoe Early Childhood Council
Heather Dolan	Signal Behavioral Health
Antoinette Dow, MPH	Aurora Mental Health Center
Maisha Fields	Salud Clinic
Mariana Ledezma-Amorosi	Community-Campus Partnership
Heather Logan	CU Medicine
Rich McLean	Community Advocate
Julia Mecklenburg	Colorado Access
Keith Peterson	University of Colorado Hospital
Chanell Reed	Families Forward Resource Center
Maribel Sandoval	PASCO (Personal Assistance Services of CO)
Mitzi Schindler	Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Visconti, PhD, MAT	Colorado School of Public Health
Kaitlin Wolff	Tri-County Health Department

## Our Staff

Mandy Ashley	Executive Director (since April)
Johanna Glaviano	Program Coordinator
Bobbie Jo Morrell	Communications Coordinator
Denise Denton	Community Outreach Development Consultant

## Quarterly Community Mtgs



In January, April, July, and October, AHA holds community meetings to report to and hear from our membership. Meetings are hosted by various community partners, and include education, networking, community announcements, and celebration.

2019 brought topics such as [Substance Use Disorder Services](#) in Colorado, Services Provided at the [Rocky Mountain Poison Center](#), health concerns around [Vaping](#), the importance of encouraging everyone to participate in the [2020 Census](#), and heard a policy update from the [Colorado Consumer Health Initiative](#). We also celebrated AHA's [tenth anniversary!](#) Through our Quarterly Meetings, we networked with [155 individuals and 84 organizations](#).

## Aurora Smiles



Several organizations in the public and private sector are collaborating with AHA to improve access to oral health in Aurora. We offer free dental screenings and fluoride varnish to kids, and provide information about how to find an affordable dental care home in Aurora.

In late 2018, AHA received a small three-year grant from the Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado to support the Aurora Smiles work. Projects being considered include outreach to oral health providers in Aurora to encourage them to apply sealants and working with Women Infant and Children's Program (WIC) to provide oral health education, referral, and services.

## Accomplishments, Events, & Milestones



AHA provided education, information, and networking opportunities through [19 Interest Group](#) gatherings focused on Kids Health, Senior Resources, Access to Specialty Care, and Social Determinants of Health.

We coordinated with Children's Hospital Colorado the third bi-annual [Kids Convening](#), sharing information on infant mortality, housing concerns, sexual health, and mental and behavioral health in refugee and immigrant children.

Our Kids Group and Social Determinants of Health group joined forces to present a panel discussion on Gun Violence: [Discussion on Prevention Tactics and Responses to Our Cultural Trauma](#), featuring presentations of statistical data for Aurora, prevention efforts, mental health and trauma, where we go from here.

Our Social Determinants of Health group visited [Undesign the Redline](#), an interactive exhibit connecting the intentional and systematic racial housing segregation of the 1930s to political and social issues of today, through the powerful narratives of the people and communities affected by redlining and its legacy.

### Impact of Firearms on Health

- Suicide 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death 12
- Firearms - 50% of mortality (rates/100,000)
- White Males: 9.95
- Black Males: 6.16
- White Females: 1.49



## New Executive Director



[Mandy Ashley](#) previously served on the AHA board from 2015 - 2018. She has worked at UHealth as the Manager of Government & Corporate Relations, as well as in the Compliance Department at Colorado Access. Mandy has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Communication Studies from The University of South Dakota. She also has her Juris Doctor and Master of Health Administration from Saint Louis University.

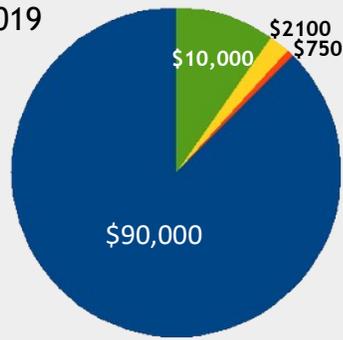


# AHA 2019 Budget & Membership

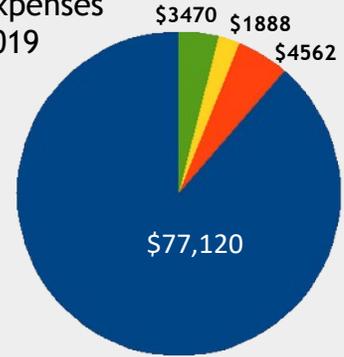
Thanks to Aurora Mental Health Center for serving as AHA's Fiscal Sponsor.

AHA considers a "member" to be anyone who supports our mission and requests to receive AHA communications. Over 80 percent of AHA's members are individuals who work in Aurora's health care system.

AHA Revenues 2019

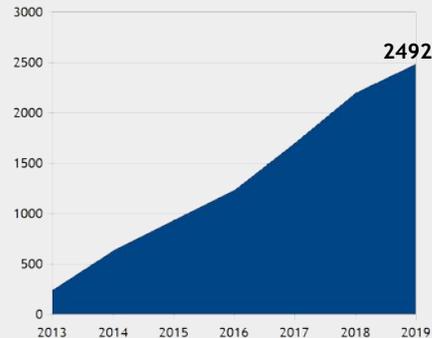


AHA Expenses 2019



■ Affiliations\*\* ■ Individual Contributions ■ Sponsorships ■ Grants ■ Staffing ■ Meeting Support ■ Operations ■ Other

AHA Membership 2013-2019



## AHA Affiliates

Aurora is fortunate to have an abundance of healthcare resources. AHA believes that by working collaboratively, we can make sure that all residents have access to these resources. AHA Affiliates make an annual contribution to support AHA's work to increase access, expand coverage, and build collaboration. AHA's general operating costs are covered by Affiliations. We truly couldn't do this work without them.

We would like to recognize and thank our 2019 Affiliate Members.



### JOIN US!

If you would like to become an AHA Affiliate, please contact one of our Board members, or our new Executive Director, Mandy Ashley. Email: [mashley@aurorahealthalliance.org](mailto:mashley@aurorahealthalliance.org)