

# 2020

## Annual Report



### Mission:

To achieve equitable access and promote a healthier Aurora for everyone

AHA envisions a community where all residents have an opportunity to achieve optimal health.

2020 was a year unlike any other.

2020 presented our community with numerous challenges, but also gave Aurora Health Alliance the opportunity to grow and adapt.

As in person meetings vanished, the AHA staff adjusted nearly overnight to an all virtual setup. We continued to convene, focusing on topics that our community values, particularly around COVID-19 resources, behavioral health, *Race as a Social Determinant of Health*, and virtual options that expand access to healthcare.

Thank you to our members – all of you – for adapting with us to meet our mission. Thank you to our affiliates who have kept us in a favorable fiscal position.

We proudly continued to provide resources and connection to our community throughout the trying year that was 2020. We do not know what the future holds, but we are eager to continue the journey to improve access to healthcare.

Aurora Health Alliance  
in the Time of  
COVID - 19

So many thanks  
to our Affiliates and other funders for hanging in there with us  
during a time of very uncertain economics!



## Notable Events & Accomplishments

### In 2020 AHA:

- Switched all meetings to an all virtual/webinar format
- Created a [COVID-19 Resource page](#) on our website
- Hosted a [Behavioral Health During COVID-19: Vulnerable Populations](#) series



- Held an [Access to Specialty Care E-Consult](#) series
- Hosted a special [Race as a Social Determinant of Health](#) webinar



- AHA's Executive Director, Mandy Ashley, was interviewed by Dennis Stretar at [Our Community Broadcast Network](#)
- Created our first [Behavioral Health Interest Group](#)
- Created and published the first of three videos with information about [the COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

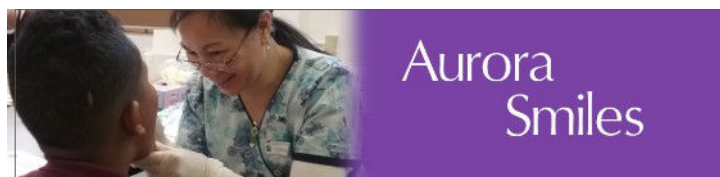
*"AHA's a cornerstone, a center-point. It's a garden bed where there are some well-established roots of programs and workgroups that have grown over time but also offers new space for what more needs to grow."*



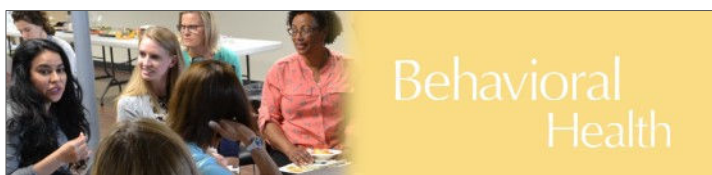
In January, April, July, and October, AHA held its Quarterly Community Meetings (three of them virtual), which offered a variety of topics and presenters.

Meetings are hosted by various community partners, and include education, networking, community announcements, and celebration. The 2020 meetings included topics and presentations such as the **Arapahoe County Self Help Legal Center, Center for Work Education and Employment, the 2020 Census, Aurora Wellness Court, the Food in Communities program, diabetes education, and voter outreach**, with an average attendance of 65 people.

[Watch the Videos of our QCMs](#)



A variety of organizations collaborate with AHA to improve access to oral health in Aurora. The work of Aurora Smiles includes **free dental screenings and fluoride varnish to kids**, and **information about how to find an affordable dental care home** in Aurora. In 2018, AHA received a three-year grant from the **Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado** to support the Aurora Smiles work. Aurora Smiles recently created a [resource flowchart](#) for adults to help navigate oral health services, including those who are uninsured or underinsured.



We are proud to introduce our **newest interest group**, which held its inaugural meeting in October, 2020. The meeting was a four-person panel discussion focused on [Behavioral Health Services during COVID-19](#).

*"AHA is valuable because it has a consistent record of effective and trusted community-driven programming."*

Much of our 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 capacity to make a difference in an area.



58 Active Individuals, 17 Active Organizations

This group focuses on understanding and addressing the barriers to accessing specialty care services. In 2020, a small group of attendees collaborated and launched a **Special Needs Assessment** to determine the obstacles that medical providers face in securing specialty care for their patients. Also, the group hosted a **3-part webinar series** focused on **e-consultations**, featuring national, local, and member perspectives.

Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Molly Markert**, CO Access & **Rich McLean**, AHA Board.



22 Active Individuals, 9 Active Organizations

The Kids Interest Group focuses on building community-wide collaborations and strengthening the capacity of children's health initiatives, including refugee and immigrant communities. In 2020, we held meetings on a variety of topics including **children's equitable access to healthcare, immunizations, and children's mental health resources.**

Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Rebecca Rapport**, TCHD & **Shi Lynn Coleman**, Partners for Children's Mental Health.

*AHA is a trusted community partner with extensive reach... bringing valuable information to a wide range of people and organizations, & creating a platform for discussion/ innovation/ progress.*



Bobbie Jo Morrell

Mandy Ashley

Jo Glaviano



44 Active Individuals, 16 Active Organizations

The Senior Circle Interest Group convenes individuals and organizations engaged with Aurora's older adults to focus on the strengths, challenges, and resources affecting older adults. In 2020 this group explored the **Veterans Administration's geriatric programs, the Matter of Balance program, senior dental care, medical patient advocates, and many other relevant topics.**

Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Johanna Glaviano**, AHA & **Shirley Proppe**, Audio Information Network.



29 Active Individuals, 14 Active Organizations

The SDOH Interest Group investigates and discusses social determinants of health such as transportation, food, and other factors that can impact health. The year started with a robust panel focused on **child trafficking**, while the remaining meetings included topics such as **Medical-Legal Partnership, All of Us Research Program, and COVID data, stats, and partner resources** to achieve optimal health.

Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Tessa Carlson**, CU Office of DEICE & **Julia Mecklenburg**, Colorado Access.

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

## Our Board

Julie Beaubian	Children's Hospital Colorado
Troy Bowman	Signal Behavioral Health
Bonnie DeHart	Arapahoe Early Childhood Council
Maisha Fields	Salud Clinic
Mariana Ledezma-Amorosi	Community-Campus Partnership
Heather Logan	CU Medicine
Addison McGill	The Medical Center of Aurora
Rich McLean	Community Advocate
Julia Mecklenburg	Colorado Access
Keith Peterson	University of Colorado Hospital
Chanell Reed	Families Forward Resource Center
Regina Richards	University of Colorado School of Medicine
Maribel Sandoval	PASCO (Personal Assistance Services of CO)
Kathie Snell	Aurora Mental Health Center
Kathy Staats	Tri-County Health Department
Susan Todd	STRIDE
Virginia Visconti	Colorado School of Public Health

## Our Staff

Mandy Ashley	Executive Director
Johanna Glaviano	Program Coordinator
Bobbie Jo Morrell	Communications Coordinator

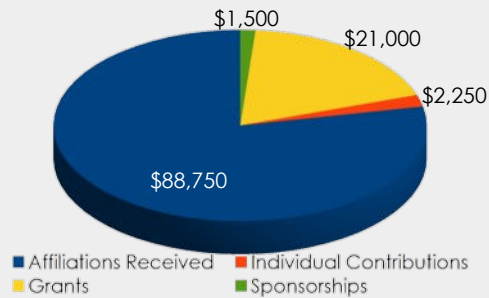


## AHA 2020 Budget & Membership

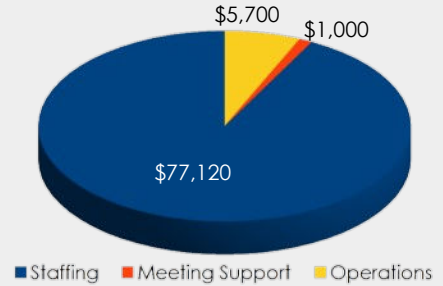
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**Aurora Mental  
Health Center**  
for serving as  
AHA's Fiscal Sponsor.

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.

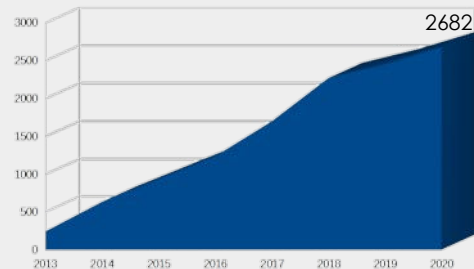
### AHA Revenues 2020



### AHA Expenses 2020



### AHA Membership 2013-2020



## AHA Affiliates

AHA believes that by working collaboratively, we can make sure that all Aurora residents have access to an abundance of healthcare 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 Affiliates. We truly couldn't do this work without them.

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



### JOIN US!

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

*"The Aurora Health Alliance has given so much to me in terms of professional network building and connection to important work so I was happy to jump in and give back."*