



2022 Annual Report

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

Our Mission:
To achieve equitable access and promote a healthier Aurora for everyone.

Firearm Violence Prevention Statement

AHA Health Equity Statement

Growth in 2022

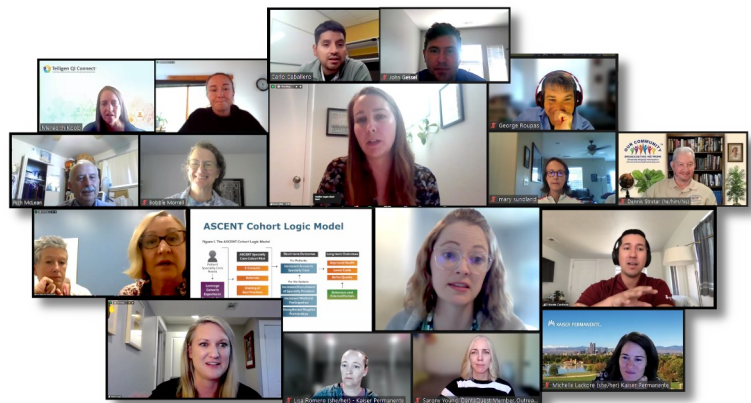
Aurora Health Alliance is proud of the accomplishments we achieved during 2022.

Our webinars, quarterly community meetings, and interest groups were inclusive environments to highlight efforts which align with our mission to achieve equitable access to care for all. Our conversations were, as always, solutions focused.

Several areas of our work picked up momentum, such as the work of **Aurora Smiles**, **Unhoused**, and **Care Navigation** groups.

Notably, the organization adopted a firearm violence prevention statement and actively seeks to support work in this area in the coming year and beyond.

Thank you to our [board members](#) and [affiliate organizations](#) for helping advance the mission of Aurora Health Alliance. We could not do it without you.



Firearm Violence is a serious and preventable public health crisis in our community. Aurora Health Alliance pledges to be informed, share resources, and promote existing firearm violence prevention efforts.

Aurora Health Alliance's commitment to health equity means we strive for and promote the highest possible standard of health for all people.

To Aurora Health Alliance, health equity means everyone has a fair opportunity to be as healthy as possible, regardless of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, language, physical and mental ability, and other core aspects of identity. It requires the dismantling of structural racism through the removal of barriers to health. It requires both improving access to the care and resources needed to thrive, along with equitable treatment once that access is gained.

Notable Events & Accomplishments

Autism Webinar

In November of 2022 we convened a webinar on **Understanding Autism and Navigating Resources**, featuring presenters from **Children's Hospital Colorado**, **Tri-County Health Department**, and **Child Find** for the CO Department of Education.

[Watch the Video of the Webinar](#)

Total Attendance: 48



Quarterly Community Meetings

At our Quarterly Community Meetings we heard about Legislative Priorities from the **Office of Governor Polis**, **Vaccine Equity and Outreach**, the **Colorado Welcome Back Program** by Spring Institute, **Healthy School Meals for All**, and an update on the **OmniSalud Program**.

[Watch videos of our QCMs](#)

Total Attendance: 150

Unhoused Work Group

Our 2022 meetings convened more than 17 organizations to collaborate and connect to help address the health care needs of the unhoused in Aurora by understanding current access points and collecting and disseminating health care resources.

Total Attendance: 77

Care Navigation Work Group

Our **Care Navigation Project** works to improve networking and resources for the navigation of health care systems, with a focus on refugee and immigrant communities. In 2022 we brought numerous resources together to network and to brainstorm areas of need to address in Aurora's Care Navigation community.

Total Attendance: 17

Aurora Smiles Work Group

Various organizations and AHA collaborate to improve access to oral health in Aurora. We continue to evaluate and update our **Guide to Low Cost Oral Care in Aurora** (in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) with a flowchart for community health navigators to help community members navigate oral health services. The **Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado** three-year grant continues to support the Aurora Smiles work.

Total Attendance: 49

AHA 2022 Interest Groups

Access to Specialty Care

This group focuses on understanding and addressing the barriers to accessing specialty care services. In 2022 we reviewed the results of the **Access to Specialty Care Needs Assessment** regarding **Medicaid** and the Access to Specialty Care Engagement Network Pilot Program by the Colorado Health Institute. View a summary of the results of the [Needs Assessment](#). Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Heather Logan**, CU Medicine, **Molly Markert**, CO Access & **Rich McLean**, AHA Board.

[Watch videos of our ASC Group meetings](#)

Total Attendance: 69

Behavioral Health

In 2022, our **Behavioral Health Interest Group** presented a panel on **Suicide Prevention**, heard from the **Refugee Wellness Center** and the **Asian Pacific Development Center** about their behavioral health resources for refugees, and joined the Kids Group in presenting the special webinar on **autism**. Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Kathie Snell**, Aurora Mental Health Center and **Laura Don**, TCHD.

[Watch videos of our Behavioral Health Group meetings.](#)

Total Attendance: 46

Kids Group

The **Kids Interest Group** focused on building community-wide collaborations and strengthening children's health initiatives, including immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities. In 2022, our meetings covered a variety of topics including **"I Matter,"** a project offering youth free behavioral health sessions, the **Youth Violence Prevention Program**, **A Precious Child** partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado, and joined with the Behavioral Health group for the webinar on **autism**. Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Laura Don**, TCHD & **Susan Goldenstein**, Children's Hospital Colorado.

[Watch videos of our Kids Group meetings.](#)

Total Attendance: 57

Senior Circle

The **Senior Circle** Interest Group convenes individuals and organizations engaged with Aurora's older adults to focus on the strengths, challenges, and resources affecting them. In 2022 this group heard from the State Demography Office on the **Economic and Social Consequences of CO's Rapidly Aging Population**, from the **Aurora Parole Office** on transition of care for recently released inmates, and an update on the **Healthy Brain Initiative**. Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Johanna Glaviano**, AHA & **Shirley Proppe**, Audio Information Network.

[Watch videos of our Senior Circle meetings.](#)

Total Attendance: 87

Social Determinants of Health

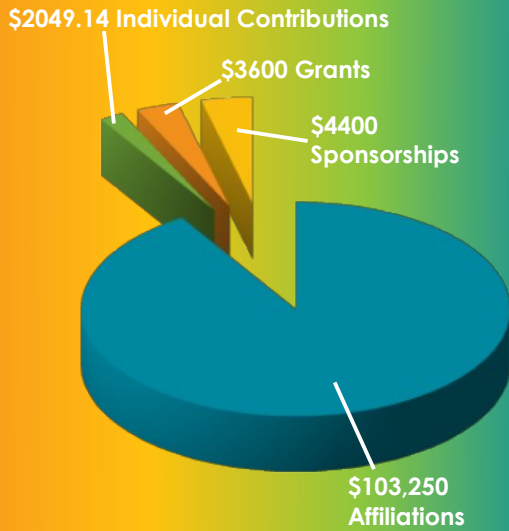
The **SDOH Interest Group** discusses social determinants of health such as transportation, food, and other factors that impact health. 2022 meetings included topics such as the **STAR Girlz Empowerment**, **Reading Partners**, **Muslim Youth for Social Impact**, and **CU Undocumented Student Services** program. Thanks to Co-Chairs: **Tessa Carlson**, CU Office of DEICE & **Julia Mecklenburg**, Colorado Access.

[Watch videos of our SDOH Meetings.](#)

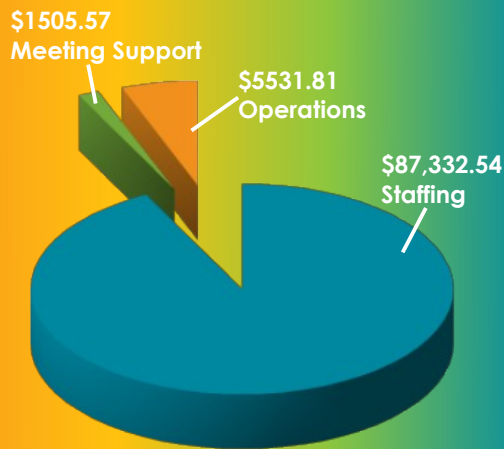
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AHA 2022 Budget

AHA Revenues 2022



AHA Expenses 2022



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