MILE HIGH HEALTH ALLIANCE
ANNUAL REPORT

2016

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

To the Denver Community, Alliance Members, and Partners,

The Mile High Health Alliance is pleased to share the news of successes from our second year of operations. 2016 was a year of significant growth and evolution for the Alliance; we invite you to take the opportunity to read through this short summary of our progress.

Last April we hired our first executive director to manage the continued success of Alliance priorities and programs. We continued to add employees during 2016, and by the end of December had increased the size of our staff from three to five. These talented employees have been implementing the strategic direction set by the board in 2014, focused on four priorities: First Access to Care, Access to Specialty Care, High Utilizers, and Integrated Care. Due to our community's success in expanding health coverage, the Alliance Board voted to table outreach and enrollment activities under the *First Access to Care* working group. Approximately 94% of Denver residents now have coverage, almost 1/3 of whom are enrolled in Health First Colorado, the state Medicaid program. We are proud, as a new organization, to have contributed to this early and important milestone in Denver's Community Health Improvement Plan.

2016 was also a year of fiscal success, as we pursued and received grants for general operating, capacity building, and project funding. Balanced investments in these three areas are important not only for program work, but also for building an efficient and effective organization that is responsive to the needs of Alliance members and the Denver community. The Alliance is committed to developing relationships among our members, which is one key to successful collaboration. The Wilder Collaborative Factors Inventory conducted last January indicated that we are on the right path with affirmation of the mutual respect, understanding and trust we are building among Alliance members.

For people and organizations working on improving care and transforming the health system, 2016 brought unexpected challenges. With the change of administration at the federal level, continuity and support for projects and programs at the state and local level is uncertain. These developments only heighten the need for an organization devoted to improving health through collaboration between medical care, behavioral care, and social service providers. The Alliance is fortunate to have strategic as well as financial support from our members, which is helping us to successfully navigate the changing landscape. Entering our third year, we're excited about the projects the Alliance will be launching in 2017. Thanks to everyone in the Denver community and beyond who has helped make the Mile High Health Alliance a success. We wouldn't be here today without your guidance and support. And thanks for all you do every day for the residents of Denver and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dede de Percin
Executive Director

Dr. Bill Burman
Board Chair

HISTORY

About the Alliance

The Mile High Health Alliance brings together stakeholders from medical care, behavioral health care, public health, Denver government agencies, and social and community services, to collaboratively address the city's most difficult health challenges and achieve better health outcomes for all Denver residents.

The Alliance was formally established in January 2015 to fulfill an important recommendation in Denver's 2014-2018 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), to increase access to care, better coordinate health care services, and decrease health care costs in the city. The Alliance was formed through a year-long, multi-stakeholder planning process in 2014, supported by a grant from the Colorado Trust.

In July 2014, involved stakeholders approved a strategic plan for the Alliance, outlining a proposed governance structure and three initial priority areas for its programing in the first few years. Working Groups were established to collaboratively plan for system-wide interventions in each area. In July 2015, the Board of Directors approved integrated care as a fourth priority.

Mission

Achieving Better Health Through Collaboration

Vision

Denver is the city & county that promotes health and assures access to integrated medical and behavioral care, and social services for all

Core Values

Collaboration -We work together to find creative solutions to problems that no single organization can solve on its own

Inclusion-We listen to and include the ideas of the people involved in change processes designed to promote better health

2016 PROGRESS

OUR 2016 PROGRESS!

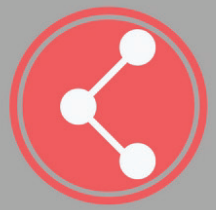
Our First Access workgroup focused on outreach to maximize enrollment under the Medicaid expansion

210,464 Denver residents are now enrolled!

We have substantially achieved our 2018 goal of 95% Denver residents with health care coverage

Our Access to Care group also helped increase the percentage of residents with a PCP to over 80%

We adopted Charters for our workgroups to define their goals and path to success.

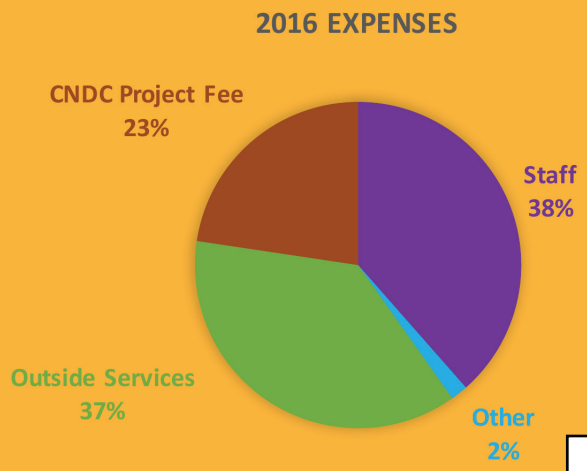


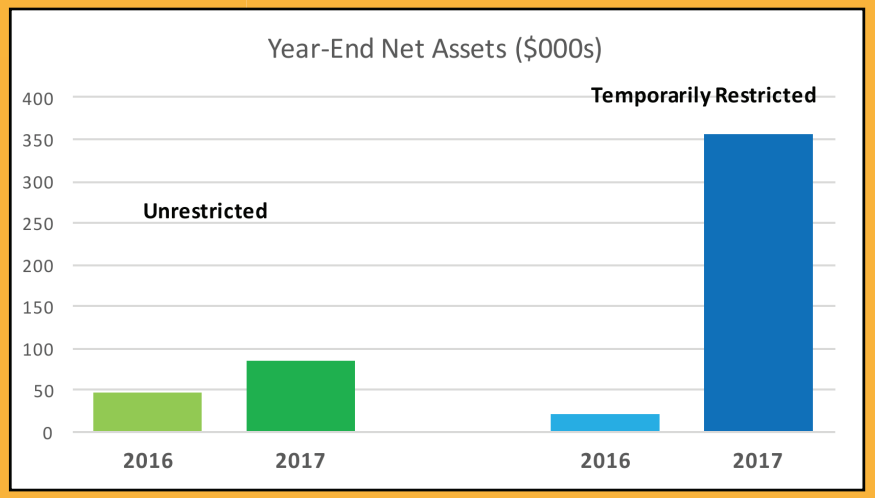
Our Specialty Care workgroup created a roadmap to launch the Mile High Specialty Care Network and hired a program manager to begin implementation.

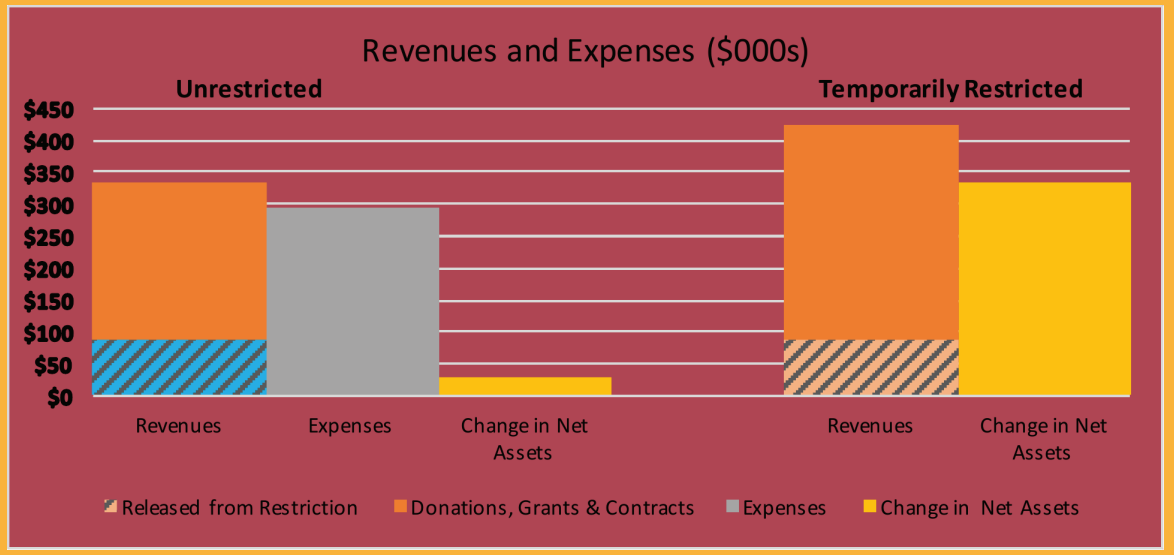
The High Utilizers group began a small data sharing pilot to better understand this population. They also launched a series of webinars to support a learning community and continue to develop effective coordination among Denver area high utilizer projects.

The Integrated Care group was busy getting the ground work started for the Regional Health Connector by creating the RHC steering committee which laid the foundation for this behavioral and cardiovascular project.

2016 FINANCIAL REVIEW







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MEMBER DIRECTORY

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO COLLABORATE TO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE.

JOIN THE ALLIANCE AND BE A PART OF MAKING CHANGE IN OUR PRIORITY AREAS

The Mile High Specialty Care Network will come on-line in 2017, piloting the referral of specialty care appointments across systems. Primary care doctors will be able to provide more options for patients, as we recruit specialty care physicians to participate.

The High Utillizers Work Group has brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to work on a data-sharing pilot among a small cohort of our members,which will allow us to evaluate the needs of this population and strategize for changes in care delivery.

Work on the integration of healthcare included bringing on a new Regional Health Connector who will focus on behavioral and cardiovascular health, connecting providers with community resources.

Mile High Health Alliance

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