

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Dennis Stretar Appointed to the Aurora Mental Health Center Client Advisory Council**

Dateline March 18, 2022 Aurora, CO: The Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC) has announced the appointment of Dennis Stretar to their Client Advisory Council. The announcement was made by Michelle Daniels, AuMHC Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, "...On behalf of Aurora Mental Health Center, I would like to congratulate you on being chosen to participate in the (AuMHC) Client Advisory Council. From many unidentified applicants, yours was reviewed by current members and selected based on your commitment to address and enhance behavioral health issues."

The Aurora Mental Health Center is a private, nonprofit community mental health center which was founded in 1975. AuMHC serves more than 25,000 individuals annually and services are provided through 46 programs in 13 counseling centers, 10 residential facilities, 13 sites integrated with primary medical care, in public schools, through county human service departments, in criminal justice settings, in homes and foster homes, and at other community locations. The Center responds to emergencies and crises through a walk-in crisis center, a Crisis Stabilization Unit, and through mobile crisis response in the community. AuMHC serves the City of Aurora and portions of Arapahoe and Adams counties.



### **The Client Advisory Council Charter**

Aurora Mental Health Center Client Advisory Council exists to provide an effective way to receive and respond to persons with lived experience input, impact effective planning to meet persons with lived experience priorities and verbalized needs, lead the organization to an increased understanding of community-based perceptions of provided services and the organization as a whole. The Council will also provide a client-centered perspective in efforts to transform, improve or impact services, culture, and experiences within the organization. The Aurora Mental Health Center Client Advisory Council will also be a key partner in the development of agency policies and procedures as they are related to the client and family experience.

**Guiding Principles:** (1) Dignity and Respect for All (2) Key Information Sharing Environment (3) Support of Participation (4) Commitment to Key Collaboration and (5) Person First Language.

Serving on the Aurora Mental Health Center Client Advisory Council is consistent with the mission of the Our Community Broadcasting Network initiative to promote best practices for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as well as provide Health & Wellness advocacy and resources to our multicultural community.



For more information about the Aurora Mental Health Center and the services they offer, visit <https://www.aumhc.org/>. For more information about the Our Community Broadcasting Network initiative visit <https://OurCommunityBroadcasting.com>.

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