



Annual Report

2020/21

Centennial Area Health Education Center's mission is to address health workforce shortages and health disparities in the CAHEC region, through education and collaboration.

Transition was the theme of our year. After almost a decade of continuous growth led by our previous director, the Centennial Area Health Education Center was well-poised to survive the chaos and uncertainty of a pandemic. We are forever thankful to Monica Mika for her many years of dedicated service to our mission. Her vision and leadership helped our center build a strong foundation for future success we look forward to nurturing and expanding. We are optimistic about the future as we have new staff bringing new perspectives and passion to our mission.

As the entire world did, we learned to adapt to the challenges we faced with delivery of programs and services. While many of our programs such as AHEC Scholars and AHEC Career Exploration Program (ACEP) were severely affected due to low participation during the pandemic, we were on the forefront of COVID vaccine promotion and pandemic documentation. We presented some of our Nurse Educator Conference virtually and kept health occupations students in housing during their practicums with the help of our gracious student host homes.

We feel the coming year will be a year of opportunity and growth for our board, staff and all those we serve and collaborate with. We are working hard to become better known in the communities we serve and forge new partnerships to strengthen the health of northeastern Colorado.



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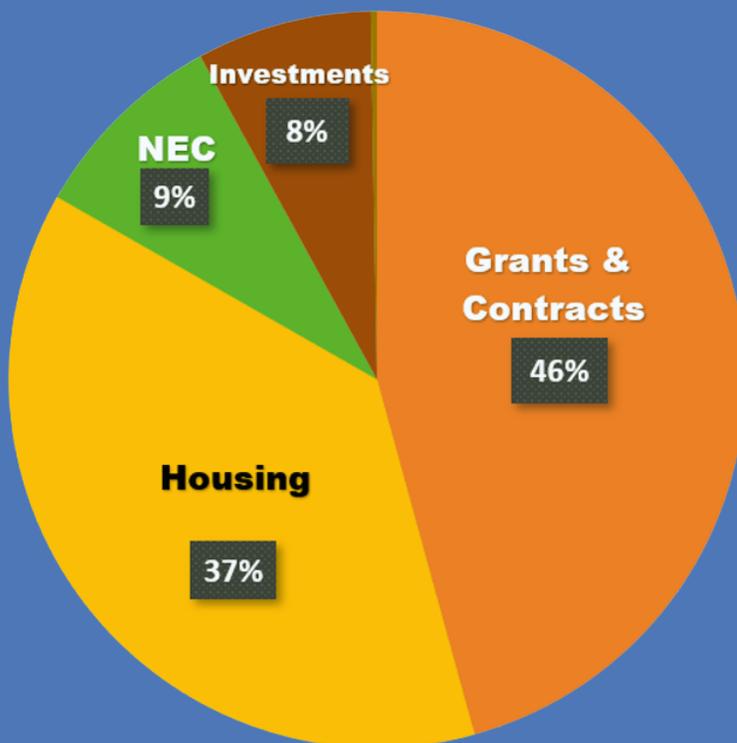
FINANCIAL REPORT

Many nonprofits faced a devastating financial drought as a result of the pandemic. Indeed, CAHEC suffered some cash crop losses - the cancellation of our annual Nurse Educators Conference and a decline in the number of medical students placed in host homes as life as we knew it was placed on hold or temporarily altered.

Thankfully, since the majority of our grant funding is an annual contract through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) via our partnership with CU Anschutz, we were able to maintain our financial stability to carry out our work. Returns on our investment accounts, lower facility costs due to the generosity of our office building owners and the booming real estate market enabled us to realize a gain in our asset base.



Revenue Mix 2020/21



Total Revenue \$766,082
Total Expenses \$614,023

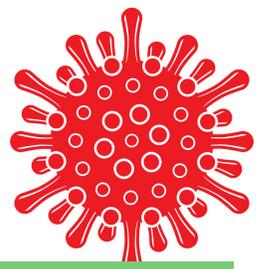
Year End Assets
\$1,617,128

SOW WHAT?

Despite the challenges of delivering our mission during COVID, our team cultivated new ways of supporting our communities.

- 193 Medical and Health Occupation students were placed in housing for clinical rotations.
- 150 Nurse Educators from around the country participated in our annual Nurse Educators conference virtually.
- We built an online resource portal for students, healthcare professionals and community members.
www.cahec.org/resource-portal





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Pandemic Perspectives

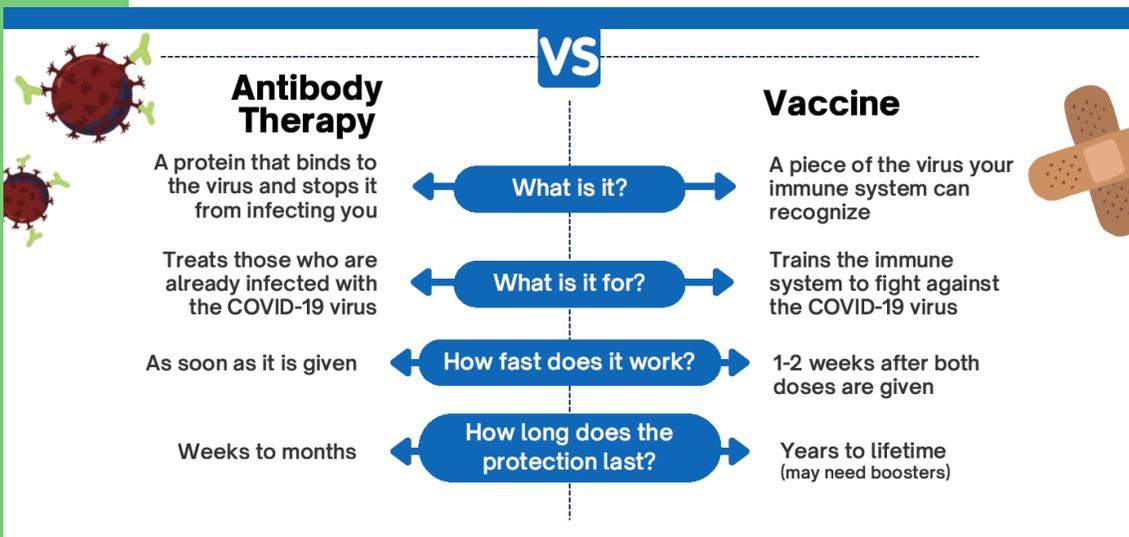
With funding from the CARES Act, we were able to be on the forefront of vaccine and treatment promotion and producing a video record of the impact and lessons learned from this historical event through our interview project.



Dr. Marc Ringel, our medical advisor, provided vaccine education with his Talk With a Doc videos in English and Spanish.



The CAHEC Covid-19 interview project was developed as a means to preserve an oral history of the pandemic experience in order to understand the challenges facing healthcare providers and learn for the future.



STRONGER TOGETHER

We could not accomplish our various mission objectives and goals without the help of our valuable and forward-thinking partners!



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