



2021

ANNUAL REPORT

ALLIANCE OF NURSES FOR HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS



MESSAGE FROM ANHE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Looking back through our efforts in 2021 I am amazed at all we have accomplished. It makes me so proud to be a nurse when I see how ANHE nurses have stepped up in support of healthier environments for all, even while we're amid a global pandemic. Your dedication and passion are such an inspiration.

It is through our collective efforts that ANHE continues to grow and is now internationally recognized as a leader in health and the environment. We couldn't have done it without you!

We are also so thrilled to announce our full-time staff grew by 50% this year, when we were able to hire Jessica Mengistab, BSN, RN as our

new Program Manager for climate and clean energy advocacy. Welcome Jessica!

Our membership has grown by over 10% in 2021 and our webinars, Forums, and Committees have seen record attendance. It has been wonderful to see continued commitment from so many members as well as so many new faces.

I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2022 and I can't wait to see all that we will accomplish together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Huffling". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KATIE HUFFLING

Executive Director

2021 STRATEGIC PLAN & GOALS

OUR VISION

ANHE is a transformational alliance preparing and engaging nurses to assure the environmental health of all people, to overcome environmental health disparities, and to heal our communities and the Earth for present and future generations.

Research

ANHE serves as a resource to nurse scientists investigating environmental health phenomena and their impact on human health, and in sharing results with nurses and the public.

Education

ANHE serves as the educational authority to educate nurses, policy makers and the community on the types, methods and disparities of environmental exposures and their impact on human health.

Policy & Advocacy

ANHE is the nursing voice on environmental health policy at all levels: academia, practice, regulatory and legislative.

Practice

ANHE serves as an authority on environmental health, stewardship and sustainability in nursing practice.

2021 IN REVIEW

150+ NURSES

FROM 30 STATES MADE 72
VIRTUAL VISITS TO
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

80 PARTICIPANTS

IN THE HEALTH EQUITY &
ANTI-RACISM LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE

14 STUDENT NURSES

SERVED ON THE 2021
STUDENT NURSE COMMITTEE

15 VOLUNTEERS

SHOPPED FOR FOOD FOR
USE IN VITAL RESEARCH
THAT WILL REDUCE
EXPOSURES TO HEAVY
METALS IN BABY FOOD



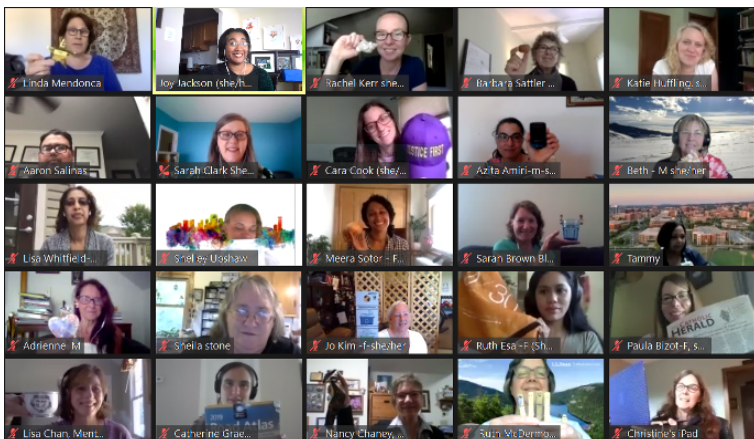
NEW IN 2021

Even in the midst of a continued pandemic, nursing engagement on environmental health has grown tremendously in 2021 due to our efforts. This year, nursing leaders in Latin America collaborated to launch ANHE Latinoamérica, a project of ANHE. ANHE Latinoamérica is convening discussions with nurses and engaging in activities around environmental health across countries in Latin America.

ANHE welcomed two new Board members: Tammy Davis (top left) and Dr. Azita Amiri (right) and a new staff member to the ANHE team, Jessica Mengistab (bottom left). Jessica is the Program Manager for climate and clean energy advocacy.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NURSE FELLOWSHIP



As part of our programming to provide targeted support to communities most impacted by environmental challenges, ANHE offered ongoing support to nurse fellows that participated in the first cohort of the Environmental Health Nurse Fellowship program. Members of the ANHE Fellowship Network participated in workshops and continued their partnerships with community-based organizations throughout 2021.

We are excited to hold a second cohort of the Fellowship program in 2022 - 2023.

NURSES ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

This year brought many opportunities for nurses to advance healthier environments for all. Through ANHE's advocacy program we have elevated the nursing perspective with decision makers. We worked with nurses across the country to wield their powerful experiences to influence elected officials in the call for climate action.

Nurses advocated for electrification of our nation's school buses, the replacement of lead service lines, and investments that will turn the tide on climate change. Nurses amplified the message that climate action promotes health through the [ANHE Nurses' Guide to What the Science Teaches Us About Common Solutions to Climate Change and Family Health Problems](#).

ANHE supported nurses in advocating for health protective standards at federal agencies, such as the US Environmental Protection Agency. This included advocating for standards to limit methane emissions from the oil and gas industry, regulations to reduce emissions from the transportation sector, and protections to reduce water pollution.

ANHE continued to collaborate with national nursing organizations through the [Nursing Collaborative on Climate Change and Health](#) and the [Nurses Improving Environmental Health for Women and Children \(NIEHWC\)](#) coalition. As part of NIEHWC, ANHE organized nursing organizations in participating in stakeholder discussions with the US EPA on the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.



NURSES AT COP26

This year, ANHE received observer status to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, UK. ANHE sent a delegation of 4 nurse representatives to attend the conference. Representatives participated in joint efforts with the Global Climate and Health Alliance and health partner organizations to bring the voices of health workers to the negotiations.

ANHE representatives joined environmental justice, Indigenous, and environmental leaders in meeting with Speaker Pelosi and members of the US House of Representatives' Delegation to share concerns from the frontlines and to call for urgent climate action and strong commitments at this year's COP.

ANHE hosted two events to showcase the work of nurses at the intersection of climate and health action. As part of the World Health Organization's COP26 Health Pavilion, ANHE, in partnership with the International Council of Nurses, co-hosted a webinar event "Nursing Leadership at the Intersection of Climate & Health: Influencing Policy & Systems Change."

ANHE officially launched the [Global Nurses' Agenda for Climate Justice](#) at an exhibit as part of the Green Zone at COP26. The Agenda, developed in collaboration with nurses and nursing organizations from around the world seeks to identify a path forward for nursing that centers the worldviews and knowledge of those who have been historically marginalized and to act as a starting point in developing and advocating for effective, long-term solutions to bolstering human adaptation and health and safeguarding ecosystems for community survival.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE

In adherence to [ANHE's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice](#), we have incorporated these principles within programming, with our partners, and organizationally.

In 2021, ANHE held the the first cohort of the [Health Equity + Anti-racism Leadership Institute](#) aimed to activate nurses to take leadership around issues related to health equity and anti-racism in their professional practice and in environmental health, ensuring those acts of leadership benefit people and communities who have been given racialized identities. Over 80 nurses participated in this 4-month long program.

ANHE's Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee continued work to support diversity in environmental health nursing and to encourage nursing environmental health engagement in the promotion of healthier environments, with a focus on low-income communities, communities of color, and communities that have been disproportionately by environmental exposures.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CLIMATE & NURSING EDUCATION

Through our educational programming ANHE works to ensure access to environmental health education in continuing education and nursing curricula. We were able to do this through initiatives such as the [Nurses Climate Challenge \(NCC\)](#), and ANHE's free continuing education offerings.

The NCC, delivered by Health Care Without Harm and ANHE, aims to mobilize nurses to educate 50,000 health professionals on climate and health by 2022. Since the launch nurses have educated over 33,000 health professionals. In 2021, the NCC adapted the resources to the Canadian healthcare environment, and expanded the School of Nursing (SON) Commitment. Through the SON Commitment, the NCC has partnered with nearly 50 schools of nursing to increase climate and health content in nursing curricula.

ANHE continues to partner with the National Student Nurses' Association to promote student nurse engagement on environmental health. For the second year in a row, ANHE convened a Student Nurse Committee, consisting of student nurse members from around that world. Student nurses serve on the committee for one year and work on an environmental health project. This year, the committee focused on environmental health in nursing education.

ANHE started the process of updating the environmental and climate curriculum resource tables based on associate, bachelor, and graduate programming and developed the 2nd edition of the Environmental Health in Nursing eTextbook. These educational tools will be finalized in 2022.





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