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## Aurora Mental Health Center Welcomes New CEO

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The Board of Directors of Aurora Mental Health Center is pleased to announce the selection of Kelly Phillips-Henry, Psy.D, MBA, as new Chief Executive Officer. Phillips-Henry will officially join Aurora Mental Health Center in July 2018. She will succeed long-time CEO Randy Stith, Ph.D., who is retiring in June after 40 years of service.

The Aurora Mental Health Center Board of Directors conducted a nationwide search process for candidates to fill the CEO position.

The Board used an open and transparent search and selection process in making this important decision. The Board focused on identifying a candidate with a passion for behavioral healthcare and the experience, expertise and business acumen necessary to navigate complex health care funding changes and maintain Aurora Mental Health Center's commitment to providing services and support to the community.

Phillips-Henry brings 22 years of behavioral healthcare experience to her new position at Aurora Mental Health Center. She recently served as Chief Executive Officer at Mental Health Partners in Boulder, overseeing a multi-site behavioral health organization serving over 35,000 members annually. Phillips-Henry's background includes work as a psychologist, management in behavioral health and integrated physical healthcare, along with several active leadership roles throughout Colorado. She is an Air Force veteran, serving in numerous leadership roles including the US Air Force Academy.

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Phillips-Henry earned a masters and doctorate degree in Psychology from California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego. Her undergraduate degree, B.A., was from Marymount University. Most recently, she completed a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Colorado.

"The Center's Board of Directors is pleased to have hired Kelly Phillips-Henry as a CEO. She brings both executive leadership experience in community based mental health and knowledge of the complex Colorado health system which faces new challenges this year," board president Harrison Cochran said.

"I am honored to have been selected to succeed Dr. Randy Stith as CEO of Aurora Mental Health Center. Randy leaves a strong legacy of service and collaboration in the Aurora community and I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, staff and community partners to carry on the mission of Aurora Mental Health Center," said Phillips-Henry

### **About Aurora Mental Health Center**

Aurora Mental Health Center is a private, nonprofit community-focused mental health care and substance use disorder provider that has been serving the City of Aurora with since 1975. We utilize proven programs and methods for helping individuals and families struggling with mental health and substance use issues. We provide education, coaching and wellness services to help people remain emotionally healthy no matter what circumstances may arise. Our long time partnerships in the community help enhance our ability to meet the needs of our clients and offer hope. For more information about Aurora Mental Health Center, please visit [www.aumhc.org](http://www.aumhc.org).

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