NON-SMOKING POLICY

In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order established January 1, 1991, AHEC prohibits smoking in all campus buildings. This policy also prohibits smoking in campus vehicles including automobiles, shuttles, trucks, vans and golf carts and within 25 feet from building entries, outdoor air intakes and operable windows to minimize exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. Willful violation of this order may subject an employee to corrective and/or disciplinary action.

DISCRIMINATION

Equal Opportunity—
It is the policy of the AHEC not to discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, political affiliation, organizational membership, veteran’s status, disability or other non-job related factors. This policy extends to all terms and conditions of employment. Discrimination violates both AHEC Policy and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. It is neither permitted nor condoned.

Sexual Harassment—
Sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome interaction between individuals of the same or opposite sex such as sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when such conduct: a) Is made as an explicit or implicit condition of employment; b) Is used as the basis for employment decisions; or such conduct has the purpose of effect of (i) unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance, or (ii) creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment.

Limited English—
Discrimination against persons with limited English proficiency is prohibited. No state agency, authority or employee shall deny or deprive any person of any benefit, privilege or right on the basis of a person’s limited English proficiency or the person’s language minority background.

AIDS—
Executive Order 104-89, state in part, that persons infected with the AIDS virus or perceived to be at risk for the infection are protected in all employment practices. No human rights violations against people infected with AIDS virus shall be tolerated. Persons diagnosed with HIV infection shall not be discriminated against or be subject to any form of harassment within the workplace. Further, strictest principles of confidentiality will be maintained in management of personal medical information. AHEC prohibits any retaliatory action against an employee for opposing a practice which he/she believes to be discriminatory. AHEC’s Equal Opportunity Director is the designated person to receive complaints in this area.
NEPOTISM POLICY

It is the policy of the Auraria Higher Education Center that no AHEC employee shall make or participate in the making of personnel decisions or recommendations related to employment conditions which affect a member of their own immediate family or any individual with whom one has a close personal or consensual relationship. This policy applies to all employees (e.g. Classified, Non-Classified, Temporary, and Student). If any questions arise, the AHEC Human Resources Department should be consulted to ensure consistency with the spirit and intent of this policy.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY

Violent behavior or threats of violent behavior directed at a co-worker, supervisor, subordinate, client or any other employee, state property or public facilities will not be tolerated. Violent behavior is defined as any threat or act of verbal, psychological or physical aggression, or the destruction or abuse of property by any individual. Threats can include, but are not limited to, verbal, conditional or direct verbal or written threats intended to harass, endanger or harm the safety of another. Possession of a weapon or firearm as defined by Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) Title 18, Article 12 is prohibited at work, including in a state vehicle. Employees who believe they have been subject to or observed behavior prohibited by this policy should notify their supervisor or another appropriate authority immediately. The appropriate authority or supervisor will investigate and take action when deemed necessary.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of controlled substances, alcohol, or other drugs in the workplace or a state-owned vehicle by employees of the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) is prohibited. The term “controlled substance” means any drug listed in 21 U.S.C.812 and other federal regulations. Generally these drugs which have a high potential for abuse. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, PCP, “crack” and amphetamines. They also include “legal drugs” which are not prescribed by a licensed physician, or “legal drugs” which are prescribed but used abusively. The term “Alcohol or Alcoholic Beverage” means beer, wine, and all forms of distilled liquor containing ethyl alcohol. The term “Drug” means any substance (other than alcohol) that has known mind or function altering effects on a person. These include, but are not limited to, substances prohibited or controlled by Colorado and federal laws. Any employee who violates the provisions of this policy statement shall be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action which may include termination. Appropriate action will be determined on a case-by-case basis. I have read the AHEC Drug-Free Workplace Policy statement and for the term of my employment, I agree to:

1) Abide by the terms of this policy statement; and
2) Notify my supervisor of any federal or state criminal drug conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace or a state-owned vehicle no later than five days after such conviction.

WORKER’S COMPENSATION DESIGNATED PROVIDER

I have been notified by my employer of the procedures to follow in the event I incur a work-related injury or illness. I understand that my employer has designated HEALTH ONE CLINICS and MIDTOWN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES as the providers for all work-related injuries and illnesses. I understand that if I do not receive my medical care for work-related and illnesses from the designated provider, I will be financially responsible for that care. I have been informed that written or verbal authorization is required from my employer before I access medical care for non-emergency, work-related injuries and illnesses. Please contact your supervisor or the Auraria Human Resources office at (303) 566-3384 for a list of providers and their contact information.

Please keep this copy for your records