



# SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

Investment. Opportunity. Health.

South Carolina  
Institute of Medicine & Public Health  
**HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS**  
Program

## Health Policy Summit: Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes

Monday, January 13, 2025

Pastides Alumni Center, Presidential Dining Room, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Welcome, IMPH and SCORH overviews,  
Taskforce Overview

Maya Pack, MS, MPA  
*Executive Director*  
*South Carolina Institute of Medicine and  
Public Health*

Graham Adams, PhD  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
*South Carolina Office of Rural Health*

12:50 p.m. A Physician Leader's Perspective

Lisa Waddell, MD, MPH  
*Rural Access to Care for Improving Maternal  
and Infant Health Taskforce Chair*

1:05 p.m. Working Together to Improve the Health of  
Moms and Babies in South Carolina

Velma Taormina, MD, MSE, FACOG  
*Medical Director*  
*Mecklenburg County Health Department  
Founder*  
*Taormina Healthcare Innovations  
Consultant*  
*Division of Health Benefits, NC Department  
of Health and Human Services*

2:05 p.m. Break

2:10 p.m. SC Data Highlights

Sarah Gareau, DrPH, Med, MCHES  
*Assistant Professor/Maternal and Child  
Health & Health Equity Evaluation Projects  
Team Lead*  
*Institute for Families in Society, University of  
South Carolina*



2:30 p.m. South Carolina Expert Panel

Ann Lefebvre, DSW, CPHQ  
*Executive Director*  
*South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium*

Jimmell Felder, MD, MBA  
*Pediatrician and Obesity Medicine Specialist & Health Equity Advisory Taskforce Physician Lead*  
*Self Regional Healthcare*

Danielle Wingo  
*Director, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health*  
*South Carolina Department of Public Health*

Jordan Desai, MS, LISW-CP, APHSW-C  
*Chief of Quality*  
*South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

3:45 p.m. Next Steps & Evaluations

Amelia Wilks, MPA  
*Legislative Initiatives Coordinator*  
*South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health*

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) Mission:**

To collectively inform policy to improve health and health care.