



South Carolina
Institute of Medicine & Public Health
HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS
Program
2025

SESSION 1:

OCTOBER 14, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Shaping Health Outcomes
and Policy Approaches to
Improve Health**

 **The Palmetto Club**

Keynote

Hemi Tewarson, JD, MPH

Executive Director, National Academy for State
Health Policy (NASHP)

**Cross-Sector Solutions to Create Healthy
Communities Panel**

Dominique Francis, MPH

Manager, Community Health, South Carolina
Hospital Association

Susan Johnson, MEd, PhD

Founder & CEO, Nature at Work
Strategic Lead, SC Healthy Business Challenge

Meg Stanley, MMC

Executive Director, Wholespire

Birley Wright, MEd

McKinney-Vento State Coordinator, South Carolina
Department of Education

SESSION 2:

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Understanding Medicaid, Health Systems, and Financing: Improving Return on Investment

📍 The Palmetto Club

Keynote

Windsor Westbrook Sherrill, PhD, MHA, MBA

Associate Vice President for Health Research,
Provost's Distinguished Professor, Public Health
Sciences, Clemson University

Special Guest

Jordan Desai, MS, LISW-CP

Deputy Director of Health Programs, South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

SESSION 3:

JANUARY 12, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Technical Assistance: Moving Forward to Improve Health

📍 The Palmetto Club

During the final session of the 2025 Health Policy Fellows Program, participants will work to fully understand specific health policy issues on which they want to take action using the skills and knowledge gained in the first two sessions. IMPH will convene Fellows with subject matter experts and facilitate discussions to inform the creation of new or updated policy.

To enroll, or for questions, contact:

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*The class will be
capped at 20 Fellows.*