



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

Regional Health Policy Fellows Program

Strengthening the Pipeline: Supporting the Health Care Workforce and Improving Access to Care

Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Florence, SC | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

9:45 a.m.	Coffee and Networking	All
10:00 a.m.	Welcome	Maya Pack, MS, MPA <i>Executive Director, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health</i>
10:10 a.m.	Presentation: South Carolina's Healthcare Workforce	Katie Gaul <i>Director, South Carolina Office for Healthcare Workforce, South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium</i>
11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.	Presentation: Workforce Challenges and Opportunities in the Pee Dee Region	Ann Lewis <i>Chief Executive Officer, CareSouth Carolina, Inc.</i>
12:10 p.m.	Group Photo & Lunch	

12:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Exploring policy opportunities to support the workforce	Charity Gerald, RN, BSN, MBA-HM <i>McLeod Health</i> Julie Smithwick, MSW, CHW <i>Center for Community Health Alignment</i> LeeAnn Weaver-Hayes, CWDP <i>Medical University of South Carolina Health Jean and Hugh K. Leatherman Behavioral Health Pavilion</i>
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1:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks and Evaluations	Amelia W. Robinson, MPA <i>Legislative Engagement Manager, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health</i>
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1:45 p.m. Adjourn

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