South Carolina
Area Health Education
Consortium

Connecting Students to Health Careers,
Health Professionals to Communities,
and Communities to Better Health

Presentation to the House Ways and Means
Higher Education Subcommittee
January 18, 2012
Member Institutions

1. AnMed Health, Anderson
2. Greenville Hospital System, Greenville
3. Lowcountry Area Health Education Center, Walterboro
4. McLeod Health/Pee Dee AHEC, Florence
5. Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston
6. Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center, Lancaster
7. Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia
8. Rural Physician Board, Columbia
9. Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood
10. Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg
11. University of South Carolina, Columbia
12. Upstate Area Health Education Center, Greenville

Plus an additional 538 collaborating partners associated with the four AHEC Centers
South Carolina AHEC Services
FY2011-12

Health Careers Program

• Provision of programs and services for high school and college students to prepare them for the rigors of health professions training programs

Health Professions Student Program

• Placement of health professions students in rural and underserved communities
South Carolina AHEC Services
FY2011-12 (continued)

Professional Education

• Service to a wide range of healthcare professionals
• Provide programs to help healthcare professionals maintain their licenses and certifications
• Use of videoconferencing systems

Graduate Medical Education

• Family Medicine Residency Training Programs - more than 50% of South Carolina’s family doctors trained in our AHEC residencies
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Recruitment and Retention Programs

- Rural Dentist Program
- Locum Tenens Program

Office for Healthcare Workforce Analysis and Planning

- South Carolina Health Workforce Data Book
- Health Workforce Reports
- Policy Briefs
Concentration of Infant Mortality
Per 1,000 Births

Counties in SC range from a low of 5.4 to a high of 24.8 infant deaths per 1,000 total births

- 20.0 to 24.8 (3)
- 12.0 to 19.9 (6)
- 10.0 to 11.9 (13)
- 7.0 to 9.9 (13)
- 5.4 to 6.9 (11)

Note: The ( ) shows the total number of counties with this range.

This information is from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, South Carolina Community Assessment Network (SCAN) table "Infant Mortality 1998-2009". Rates reported here are county-level averages of infant mortality for the years 2001 - 2009. The rates are per 1,000 total births. This data can be regenerated by following: http://scangis.dhec.sc.gov/scan/mch/fetaldeaths/input.aspx

This map was created by the Office for Healthcare Workforce Analysis and Planning, South Carolina AHEC, December 2011.
Percent of Overweight or Obese Adults (BMI > 25)

Rates range from a low of 53.2% to a high of 81.9% of adults with a BMI > 25

- 80.0 to 81.9% (2)
- 70.0 to 79.9% (18)
- 60.0 to 69.9% (21)
- 53.2 to 59.9% (5)

Note: The ( ) shows the total number of counties with this range.

Values are based on pooled data from 2003 - 2009 from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Surveys in South Carolina. Percentages are based on a calculated risk factor for obesity derived from self reports of Body Mass Index greater than 25 for adults age 20 and over.

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Notable Accomplishments in FY2011-12

• Utilized Federal funds to fully activate a statewide videoconferencing system

• Received a 3 year grant from The Duke Endowment to link South Carolina colleges and their students with health professions educators and researchers

• Highlighted significant health problems in South Carolina and initiated discussions with others about what needs to be done to address these problems

• Assumed significant leadership positions with the National AHEC Organization
Change in State Funding for the South Carolina AHEC

July 2008 Budget: $16,157,046
January 2012 Budget: $8,478,368
FY2013 Governor’s Executive Budget Proposal: $8,478,368
Our Request

• Parity with the other Higher Education Institutions in the allocation of additional funds, i.e., receive the 2.3% increase recommended in the Governor’s Executive Budget

• Restoration of funds for Health Profession Students’ Rural Infrastructure Program in the amount of $400,000

• Restoration of funds for the Rural Physician Program in the amount of $500,000

• Restoration of funds for the Graduate Doctor Residency Training Programs in the amount of $4,300,000
First Year Enrollment Trends in South Carolina Schools of Medicine and Residency Slots Available in the Annual National Residency Match Programs

*2011-2015 Enrollments are projected
Conclusions

• State and national statistics demonstrate current shortages of physicians, dentists, and numerous allied health specialties.

• South Carolina is #45 in the 2011 publication titled “America’s Health Rankings”.

• All South Carolina AHEC programs are designed to address the health professions workforce and patient care needs in the state.

• The South Carolina AHEC serves the entire state with its programs and services.

• Continued support from the South Carolina legislature is critical to the future of our state’s AHEC system.