

Workforce Roundtable

Date: February 25, 2026
Time: 9:00am to 2:45pm

Registration and Networking

8:30 – 9:00am

Light breakfast provided

Welcome & Setting the Stage

9:00 – 9:15am | Speaker: Lara Hewitt | Senior Vice President, SCHA

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Unified State Plan & State Efforts to Drive Workforce

9:15 – 9:45am | Speaker: Rebecca Battle-Bryant | Director of the Office of Statewide Workforce Development, SC Department of Employment & Workforce

Rebecca will provide an update and overview of state efforts to drive workforce development and talent pipelines, including new state resources for employers and activities of the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development.

The OneSpartanburg Model to Address Workforce Needs

9:45 – 10:30am | Speakers: Julie Denesha | Manager, Workforce and Pipeline Development, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, and Ron Garner | Chief Talent Officer, OneSpartanburg

OneSpartanburg has earned a reputation for identifying employer needs for talent, helping to build talent pipelines, and along the way addressing barriers to employment such as childcare. Find out from Julie and Rob how Spartanburg Regional and OneSpartanburg are partnering to fill workforce needs for the health system.

Networking Break

10:30 – 10:45am

Panel: Unpacking Work-Based Learning & An Employer's Role

10:45 – 11:45am | Moderated by: Lara Hewitt | SCHA

Work-based learning (WBL) is now a requirement of every high school graduate. But what's the difference between WBL, internships, shadowing, clinical experiences, etc.? In this session, we'll unpack the requirements, the terms, and help better equip hospitals to create more access points (or WBL) students.

Kama Staton | SC Department of Education

Angel Clark | SC Department of Education (formerly)

Chris Woodlief | Greenville County Schools

Jennifer Bailey | SC AHEC

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Networking Lunch

11:45am – 12:30pm

Hot Mic: Sharing Quick Stories of What Works

12:30 – 1:30pm | Moderated by: Jeremy Catoe | Business Solutions Director, Midlands Technical College

There are so many models of student programs or internal talent pipeline programs. Come find out what works for other hospitals! Every participant will leave with a summary of best practices from these featured hospitals.

Tidelands Health | Busy Kimball

MUSC Health | Jonathan Vallentine

McLeod Health | Ingrid Cherry

Beaufort Memorial Hospital | Joy Solomon

Prisma Health | Veronica Deas

Lexington Health | Jill McAbee, Marquita Gaines

Introduction to the Alabama Student Nurse Apprenticeship Program & Response Panel

1:30 – 2:45pm | Moderated by: Emily O'Sullivan | Project Manager, WORC Initiative, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

The state of Alabama has formalized in statute a nurse apprenticeship model. A team from SC recently met with leaders from Alabama to learn about the model. In this session, hear from the Alabama leaders themselves and a response panel from SC leaders about how our state can potentially pursue a similar path.

Meredith Smith | Director of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship

Josh Laney | VP of Apprenticeship and Work-Embedded Learning, Competency-Based Education Network

Response Panel:

Jonathan Vallentine | Director of Workforce Development, MUSC Health

Amanda Richardson | Vice President, Apprenticeship Carolina

Melissa Stowasser | Vice President, Community & Continuing Education, Trident Technical College

Closing Comments & Next Steps

2:45 – 3:00pm | Speaker: Lara Hewitt | SCHA