A Better State of Health
SCHA ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
Columbia Metro Convention Center | 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC

Agenda

8:30-9:00am **Networking Breakfast and Registration |** *Richland Pre-Function Hallway*

9:00-9:45am **Setting the Stage & Convening the Annual Business Meeting |** *Richland Ballroom*
Thornton Kirby, FACHE | President & CEO, SC Hospital Association

9:45-11:00am **Legislative Update and Medicaid Strategic Plan |** *Richland Ballroom*
Ryan Burnaugh | Vice President, Advocacy & Government Relations, SC Hospital Association
Kevin Marshall | Chief Financial Officer and VP, Healthcare Finance, SC Hospital Association

11:00- 11:15am **Break**

11:15-12:00pm **Technical College Partnership Panel |** *Richland Ballroom*
Galen DeHay | President, Tri County Technical College
William Kenley | CEO, AnMed
Laurie Boeding | President, Technical College of the Lowcountry
Russell Baxley | President & CEO, Beaufort Memorial Hospital
Moderated by: Dr. Tim Hardee, PhD | President, SC Technical College System
Lara Hewitt | Senior Vice President, SC Hospital Association

12:00-1:30pm **Lunch to Celebrate the Efforts of Hospitals | Zero Harm Awards Recognition|** *Richland Ballroom*
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1:45-4:45pm **ACHE 3hr Session |** *Richland Ballroom*

1. **Risk Issues We Face in Our Daily Lives**
2. **AI in Healthcare: Strategies, Safety, & Systems Impact**

1:45-2:45pm **Break Out Sessions**

Collective Impact in Action: Advancing Community Health Improvement Across South Carolina	EmPATH and Behavioral Health Update
Congaree Meeting Room A	*Congaree Meeting Room B*
• Hannah Hogue, MPH | Program Manager, Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina • Landon Campbell, MPH CHES | Program Manager, Alliance for Healthier South Carolina	• Darby Russell, MSN, RN, CEN | Nurse Manager, Emergency Department and EmPATH, Lexington Medical Center • Rakin Hoq, MD | Director of Child Psychiatry Services, MUSC Shawn Jenkins • LalithKumar K. Solai, MD| Professor of Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina • Shana Davis | Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Prisma Health Tuomey • Moderated by: Melanie Matney | Chief Operating Officer, SC Hospital Association

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Break**

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3:00 -4:00 pm

Maternal Health	Protecting Those Who Care for Us: Workplace Violence Trends and the Leadership Case for Strategic Investments in Prevention
Congaree Meeting Room A	*Congaree Meeting Room B*
• Ana Lopez DeFede, PhD | Professor and Associate Director, Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina • Kim Jenkins, BSN, RN | Nurse II, SC Department of Public Health • Kristen Shealy, MSPH | Deputy Director, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, SC Department of Public Health • Michelle Flanagan, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, C-EFM | Prisma Health Richland Hospital • Moderated by: Aunyika Moonan, PhD | Vice President, Innovation, Data & Community Health, SC Hospital Association	• Beth Morgan | Director, Clinical Affairs & Workforce, SC Hospital Association • Nic Touchstone | Director, Data & Measurement, SC Hospital Association • Tamara Rodriguez | Director of Risk Management, Antum Risk • Laura Evans | Partner, Burr & Forman • Nikole Setzler Mergo | Shareholder, Maynard Nexsen • Moderated by: Lara Hewitt | Senior Vice President, SC Hospital Association

5:00pm **Adjourn**

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