



**ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER
SOUTH CAROLINA**



2018

ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT



The Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina is an unprecedented volunteer collaboration of more than 60 diverse organizations across the state working together on coordinating action to achieve healthier bodies, minds and communities for ALL—while reducing the future cost of care.

Through the collective efforts of its members and other strong state and community coalitions, the Alliance is working toward the day when South Carolina leads the nation in the continuous improvement of health and healthcare for ALL people in the state.

Alliance Mission

Coordinating action on shared goals to improve the health of ALL people in South Carolina.

Alliance Vision

To lead the nation in the continuous improvement of health and health care at a lower cost, for ALL people in South Carolina.

Alliance Common Agenda 2020 for Health Improvement

<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Healthy Babies Improve the health of moms and babies from preconception to the first year of life  Healthy Children Improve the health and educational outcomes of children  Healthy Bodies - <u>Preventing Chronic Disease</u> Improve physical health through healthy nutrition and physical activity  Healthy Bodies - <u>Improving Healthcare Outcomes</u> Improve physical health through enabling access to high quality primary care  Healthy Minds Improve behavioral health through improved access to appropriate behavioral health services and other necessary clinical and support services 	 <p>For all people in South Carolina Everyone with the same probability of attaining the best health status, independent of gender, race, sexual orientation, neighborhood, disability, ethnicity, educational attainment, or socioeconomic status.</p>	 <p>At a lower per-capita cost</p>
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Governance of the Alliance

- The Alliance has a distributive leadership model, where every organization and partner is challenged to innovate, enhance and implement initiatives that contribute to creating a healthier South Carolina for ALL by 2020.
- To ensure that the broad range of efforts of all members and partners creates a collective positive impact on the health of all people in SC, a Core Leadership Team serves as a central hub to supervise, coordinate, and catalyze action. This Leadership Team was led in 2018 by Teresa Arnold, Chair (SC AARP), Dr. Meera Nirasimhan, Vice-Chair (USC), and Dr. Bruce Snyder, Past Chair (SCMA) and representatives of all eight Alliance membership sectors.

Gold Standard of Alliance Membership

It's not about the Alliance, it is about South Carolina people and organizations achieving the Alliance vision together.

- **Collective mindfulness and self-motivation:** Members are self-motivated to enhance their current work in alignment with the collective agenda for health improvement of the Alliance. This means that members are encouraged to lead or join others in initiatives that support the vision for a healthier South Carolina for ALL.
- **Accountability:** Member organizations will inform other Alliance members about the new or enhanced actions that they are taking in alignment with the Alliance vision, and share results.
- **Promote alignment:** Members with capacity to influence resources and/or policy, will promote alignment of efforts to avoid duplication and maximize the effectiveness of the existing resources.
- **Collective Voice of the Alliance:** Members are part of discussions focused on advocating for health equity in all policies in both the public and private sectors.

Key Alliance Activities/Accomplishments- 2018

- Developed and implemented, in active partnership with SC DHEC, the first ever State Health Improvement Plan for SC under the name, Live Healthy SC. A comprehensive state health needs assessment was also conducted and released in conjunction with the Live Healthy SC plan release in November 2018. The state plan and health assessment are available for review at livehealthysc.com and healthiersc.org.
- New members joining the Alliance in 2018 included:
 - Furman University
 - SC March of Dimes
 - SC Telehealth Alliance
 - Greenville Health System
 - Wellcare of South Carolina
- Conducted the 3rd annual SC Population Health Summit at 11 sites across the state using the AHEC videoconferencing system with about 250 total attendees.
- Received funding from County Health Rankings to conduct the 4th annual Population Health Summit in 2019.
- Accepted to participate in Phase I of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funded States of Solutions program along with 17 other state-based health improvement coalitions.
- Selected as one of three state coalitions to receive funding (\$25,000) from RWJF for Phase II of the States of Solutions program related to the development of a SC Health Equity Action Plan in 2019.
- Conducted the first annual SC Health Equity and Diversity Summit In November as the primary kickoff event for developing the SC Health Equity Action Plan. A Health Equity Leadership Council will be established in January 2019 to guide the development of this action plan.
- Continued to serve as a geographic hub and participated on the leadership team for the international 100 Million Healthier Lives program.

- Participated on an Institute for Healthcare Improvement expert panel that developed a national health equity call to action already endorsed by the SCHA Board.
- Actively supported and participated on the core leadership teams of the SC Birth Outcomes Initiative, SC Behavioral Health Coalition, the SC Child Wellbeing Coalition, the SC Patient-Centered Primary Care Alliance and the SC Telehealth Alliance.
- Established a Healthcare Coverage and Access Policy Task Force with senior leaders from each member sector to create a coverage and access policy position statement for the Alliance. This position statement will be presented to Alliance members for final review and approval at our January 2019 general meeting.
- Provided a range of consultative support and technical assistance to a growing network of community-based health coalitions across SC. (over 20 local coalitions now active).
- Delivered over 20 local, state and national presentations on “improving population health through collective impact” and “achieving health equity,” based on the work of the Alliance.
- Increased awareness of the Alliance and it’s goals through exhibiting at local, regional and state conferences.
- Developed infographics, case studies and other data resources for the Alliance, its members and specific state and community level coalitions.

Proposed Strategic Priorities for 2019

- Guide and support the implementation of the Live Healthy SC plan statewide, in partnership with SC DHEC.
- Establish a SC Health Equity Leadership Council with a primary charge of developing a Health Equity Action Plan.
- Continue to engage in collective advocacy around health and health equity in all policies across all sectors of the Alliance.
- Add “Healthy Aging” as a new Alliance strategic priority with a common set of improvement goals and metrics.
- Establish an active link between the Alliance and community-based health improvement coalitions across SC.
- Develop a more robust and integrated data infrastructure for the collection, analysis and dissemination of equity-stratified indexes and profiles.
- Actively pursue external funding opportunities that are aligned with the strategic priorities and activities of the Alliance.

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