South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium

FY 2021-22 Budget Hearing

Building and Supporting the Healthcare Workforce South Carolina Needs
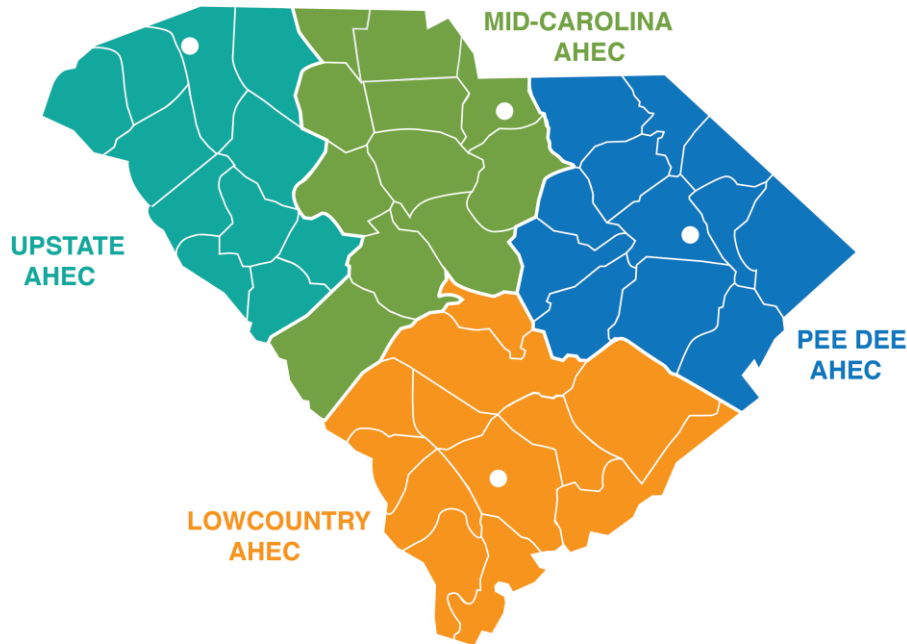
Budget Requests

South Carolina AHEC requests level funding for FY21-22.

South Carolina AHEC has no:

- New recurring requests
- Non-recurring requests
- Capital requests
- Proviso requests

South Carolina AHEC

4 regional centers serve the entire state

1 program office housed at MUSC

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Program Areas

Health Careers Pipeline Program
Prepares high school and undergraduate students for academic success and entry into health professions education programs

Health Professions Student Program
Facilitates graduate health professions student training and placements in rural and underserved communities

Graduate Medical Education
Supports high-quality family medicine residency training in South Carolina. SC AHEC works collaboratively with all 14 family medicine residency programs
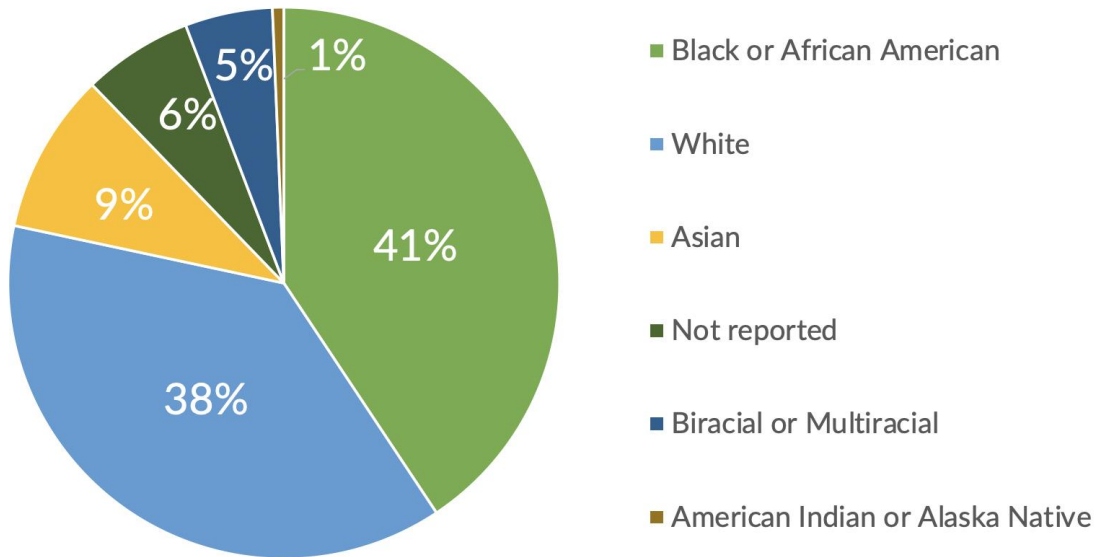
Recruitment & Retention Program
Administers the state's financial incentive programs for clinicians who practice in rural and underserved communities

Continuing Professional Development
Provides education for healthcare professionals to enhance their clinical skills and maintain licensure and certifications

Telehealth Education
Educates students and healthcare professionals about emerging trends in the implementation and use of telehealth

SC Office for Healthcare Workforce
Analyzes and provides information about the health care workforce in South Carolina. Learn more at www.scohw.org

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Connecting Students to Health Careers

Diverse Health Careers Students in FY20

- **■ Black or African American** — 41%
- **■ White** — 38%
- **■ Asian** — 9%
- **■ Not reported** — 6%
- **■ Biracial or Multiracial** — 5%
- **■ American Indian or Alaska Native** — 1%

8% of Health Careers Program students reported Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Heritage

COVID-19 Response:
More than 20 online health careers preparation and exploration modules that we released early to support online learning for high school students, accrued 501 registrations in FY20. This resource was also provided to the DoE for use.

18,935
Hours of job shadowing accrued prior to COVID-19

45%
Of the 605 Health Careers Program students in FY20 were from a rural area

Fall 2019

Connecting Students to Rural Communities

893

Health professions student training placements

50%

Of placements (448) were in a medically-underserved community

34%

Of placements (308) were in a rural community

AHEC Scholar S.K. gives a blood pressure skills demo to students in our B2B 2.0 program in fall 2019
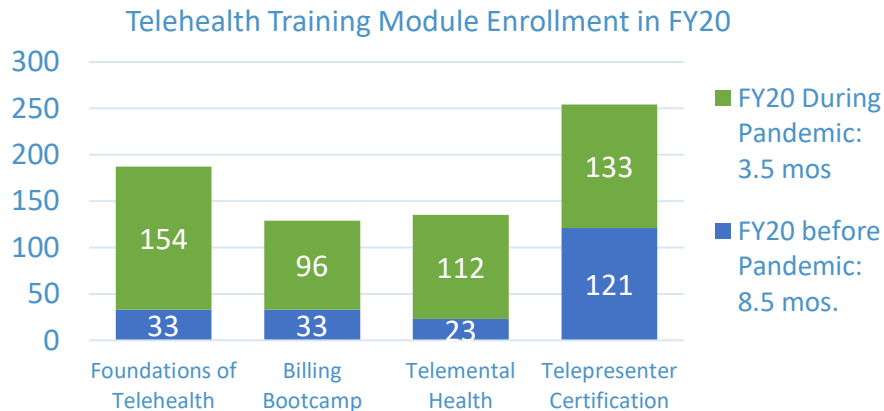
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Health professions students comprised the first set of AHEC Scholars Graduates

"Knowing that I wanted to work in rural health, finding the AHEC Scholars program was like striking gold . . . After completing the AHEC Scholars program, I have never felt more ready to enter the world of primary care here in rural SC."

-S.K., AHEC Scholars graduate, now a practicing PA in Kingstree and Manning

COVID-19 Response: We shared online interprofessional education (IPE) content with several universities statewide to help them meet IPE curriculum requirements when learning went virtual this spring. The AHEC centers also helped programs relocate clinical placements and adjusted rural student housing occupancy to keep students safe while still meeting graduation requirements.

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Connecting Health Professionals to Training and Education

Telehealth Training Module Enrollment in FY20

Legend:
- **FY20 During Pandemic: 3.5 mos** (green)
- **FY20 before Pandemic: 8.5 mos.** (blue)

Chart values:
- Foundations of Telehealth: 33 (before), 154 (during)
- Billing Bootcamp: 33 (before), 96 (during)
- Telemental Health: 23 (before), 112 (during)
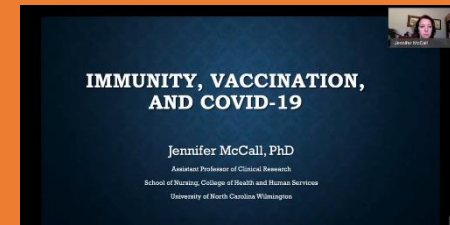- Telepresenter Certification: 121 (before), 133 (during)

61,649
Contact hours of continuing professional development accrued statewide

COVID-19 Response:

Health professionals still need continuing professional development to maintain licensure and certifications. The regional SC AHEC centers quickly began transitioning scheduled continuing professional development from in-person events to webinars. These webinars helped meet ongoing training needs as well as developing additional skill sets during the pandemic.

IMMUNITY, VACCINATION, AND COVID-19

Jennifer McCall, PhD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Research
School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
University of North Carolina Wilmington

1,884
Course registrations across more than 46 webinars totaling more than 4,500 contact hours of continued education

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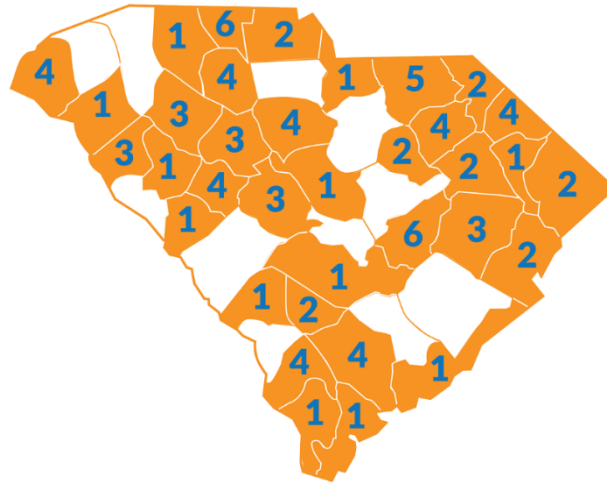
Connecting Health Professionals to Communities

90

Rural Incentive Grant Recipients funded FY17-20

47 Physicians and 43 Advanced Practice Providers

- 537 providers funded since the program's inception
- 32 new providers funded in FY20
  (16 physicians, 15 NPs, 1 PA;
  77 providers active in program in FY20)
- 87% of funded physicians still practice in SC – 57% in the same town as initially funded*
- 72% of funded advanced practice providers still practice in SC – 40% in the same town as when initially funded*

"The Rural Incentive Grant Program has helped attract physicians and advanced practice providers to rural practice over the years and may serve as a lifeline for current recipients to overcome the pandemic's trials."

-Katie Gaul, Director, SC Office for Healthcare Workforce

*2017 retention data from the Office for Healthcare Workforce for providers funded in 1995-2014

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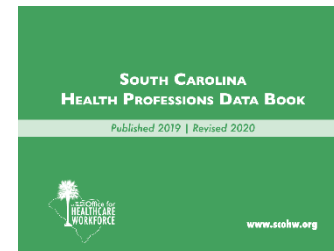# Analyzing South Carolina's Healthcare Workforce

Studies the issues that affect the balance of supply and demand for healthcare professionals in South Carolina
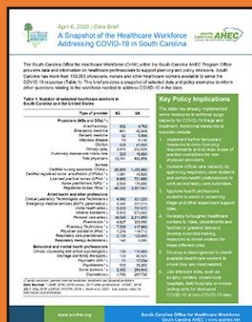
Provides unbiased information that can provide direction in decision making and public policy

Partners with organizations across the state including Institute for Medicine and Public Health (IMPH), SC Office of Rural Health, SC Healthy Connections Medicaid, and DHEC's Office of Primary Care

SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH PROFESSIONS DATA BOOK
Published 2019 | Revised 2020

www.scohw.org

OHW released an update to the *SC Health Professions Data Book* this year: a repository of information about the health status of the population and the number and distribution of healthcare providers actively practicing within the state.

COVID-19 Response: South Carolina AHEC's Office of Healthcare Workforce compiled and released *A Snapshot of the Healthcare Workforce Addressing COVID-19 in South Carolina*. This brief provides a snapshot of the healthcare workforce currently available in our state and key points to be considered in addressing the demands of treating COVID-19. View the brief and others at www.scohw.org.

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Questions?

South Carolina AHEC connects students and professionals with the tools, training and resources necessary to provide quality healthcare, with a focus on primary care for rural and underserved communities.

We provide education, recruitment and retention programs to build and support the healthcare workforce South Carolina needs.

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