



SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare

From evidence to impact.

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Key Presenters



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SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare

- **USC School of Medicine - Columbia
Center of Excellence since 2017**

- Demonstrated commitment to partnerships across the state.
- Center program and initiatives are serving as national models to improve rural health.

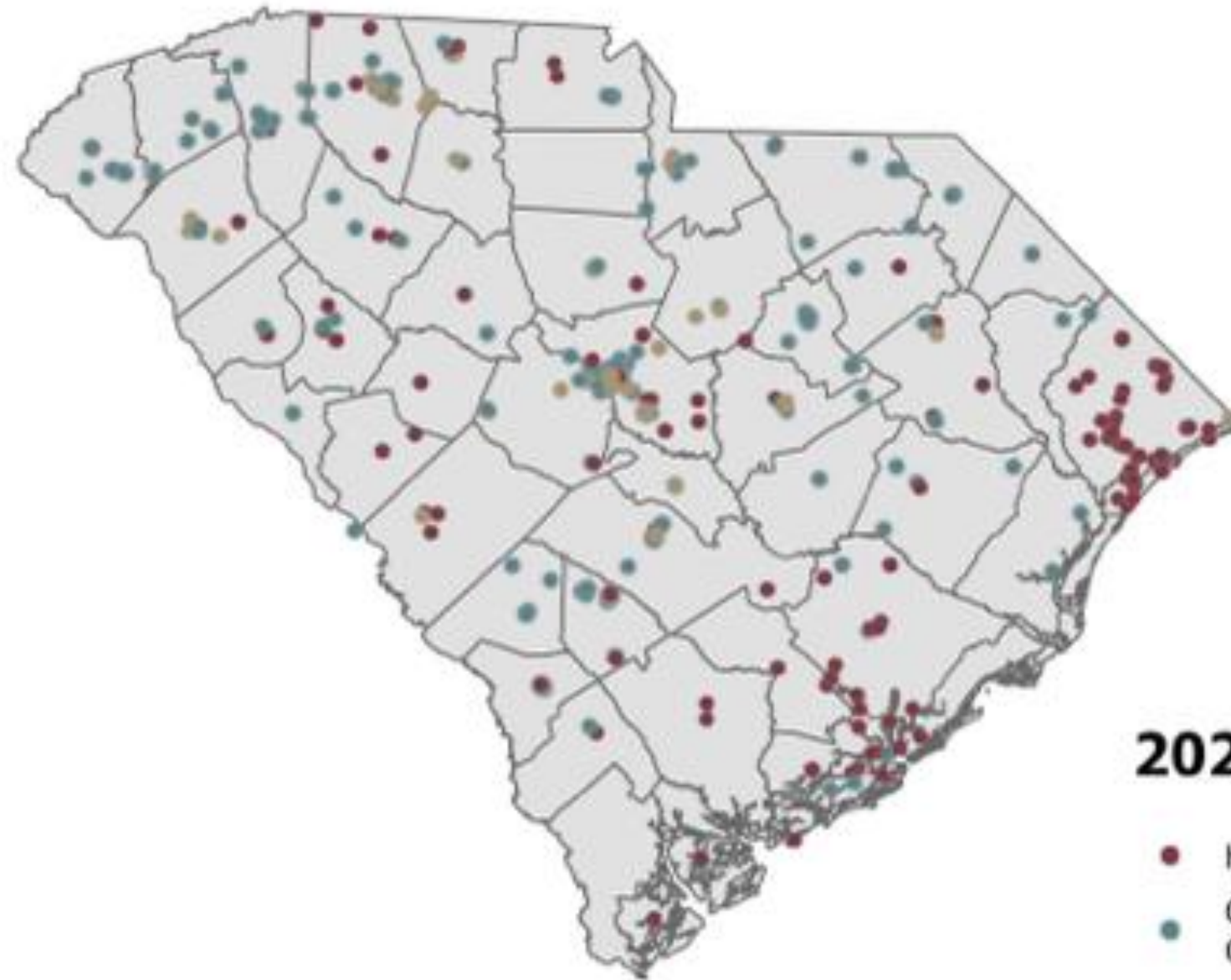


2025-2026 Budget Request

- **Request - level funding for 2025-2026 for main proviso**
- **Rural Health Initiative Proviso**
 - Maintain language as passed in 2024.
 - Continue the dedicated funding for our Center, programs, and communities.

CRPH 2024 Impact

- 19,691+ patients served through all CRPH programs in 2024.
- 1,200,000+ miles of travel saved for South Carolina's kids and families in pursuing quality specialty pediatric care.
- 72 actively funded programs.
- 241 service locations in 44 counties in South Carolina.



2024 CRPH Locations

- Healthcare Delivery
- Connecting Communities
- Strategic Workforce and Training
- Research & Evaluation

iCARE/Delivery Systems

We remain dedicated to improving access to care and supporting clinical organizations in rural communities through various efforts like our iCARE program.

- **Over 8,600 patients received clinical services in their home communities.**
- **1,338 patients were served across nine pediatric subspecialties.**
- **438 patients accessed mental health appointments.**
- **2,086 women benefited from the Midwifery Outreach Program.**

Key Programs:

- **Prisma Health Pediatric Subspecialties – satellite clinics in communities.**
- **Emanuel Family Practice – expanded prenatal care for underserved.**
- **MUSC – expanded prenatal care in Orangeburg area via Family Medicine.**



What's next:

iCARE will continue to increase rural access to services, particularly for maternity care and behavioral/ mental health care.

Workforce and Education

At the CRPH, we identified gaps in training and workforce development to ensure that rural communities had access to high-quality providers.

- **1,113 professionals received additional training to better serve rural communities.**
- **175 students were placed in rural healthcare systems.**
- **41 scholarships were awarded to support the next generation of rural healthcare leaders.**

Key Programs:

- **University of South Carolina-Lancaster – CNA and BSN training programs.**
- **Clayton University – BSN scholarship program.**
- **HBCU Discovery – Four HBCUs to train students and improve campus health and community outreach.**



What's next:

CRPH will continue to work to expand training opportunities, including BSN-RN, EMT, and other providers, to expand access to care.

Connecting Communities

CRPH leveraged community partnerships to connect individuals facing barriers to traditional healthcare with needed support.

- **3,168 rural residents received facilitated healthcare access.**
- **Over 6,200 miles of travel to appointments were saved for families.**
- **1,210 people were engaged through screenings, service referrals, health education, and healthy food initiatives.**

Key Programs:

- **Fairfield Medical Associates – Rural community paramedicine program.**
- **Healthy Learners – removing health barriers to learning for students.**
- **FIT2gether Union – Providing services for children in schools, including mental health support.**



What's next:

CRPH will continue to support and develop community-based access to healthcare and health-supportive services outside of traditional clinical settings.

Collaborative Health Communities

Collaborative Health Communities (CHC) is a rural-focused, community-led model adapted from a proven model of care, Accountable Health Communities. It addresses health-related social needs and coordinates care by linking clinical and community systems.

We have established two CHC communities:

Healthy Beginnings - Lakelands region

- Focusing on birth outcomes – pre- to through post-natal.
- They have begun enrolling patients and delivering care through its network.

Pee Dee Region

- Focusing on chronic conditions.
- Organizing care with FQHCs in two sub-regions.



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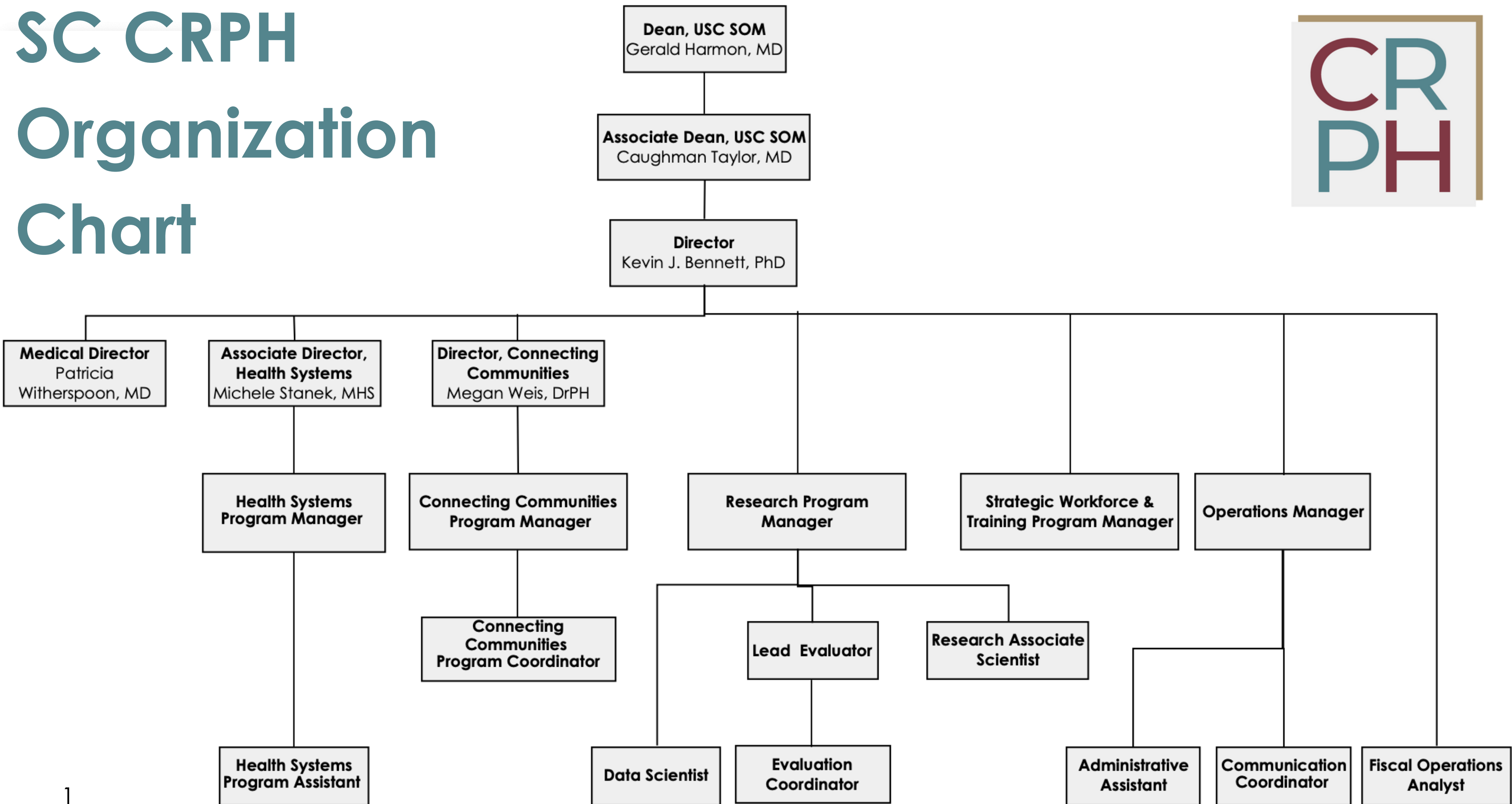
Continued implementation of these programs will impact more of the population served, with outcomes being tracked to provide this improved care delivery model.

In Conclusion



- **Base Level Funding for 2025-2026**
- **Enhance Access and Impact**
 - Continue to expand access to high-quality care, including maternal-child and behavioral healthcare, and adopt evidence-based models to reduce disparities and improve outcomes in rural communities.
- **Strengthen Workforce and Community Engagement**
 - Continue to broaden education programs to meet rural workforce demands and build sustainable, community-engaged programs that foster long-term positive impacts.

SC CRPH Organization Chart



Thank you!

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