

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation

Harvey Galloway, Executive Director

“The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation has long invested in childhood obesity efforts and we are proud to see how many communities across the state have come together to create environments that support healthier eating and physical activity,” said Harvey Galloway, Executive Director of the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation. “The strategies outlined in this statewide plan, complimented by the efforts within local communities, form a powerful combination to further the work in addressing the risk factors of obesity. We remain a committed partner to this key health issue and look forward to the implementation and monitoring of this plan.”

South Carolina Medical Association

Dr. Bruce Snyder, Immediate Past President

"The South Carolina Medical Association applauds South Carolina government and private organizations that are addressing this major health and social issue," said Dr. Bruce Snyder, Immediate Past President of the South Carolina Medical Association. "The physicians throughout the state recognize the importance of reducing obesity in South Carolina and are active partners in this endeavor. The consequences of obesity, specifically diminished health and shorter lifespans, require us as a society to address this problem."

South Carolina Business Coalition on Health

Lisa Wear-Ellington, President and CEO

“The South Carolina Business Coalition on Health (SCBCH), a multi-stakeholder group led by many of the large and mid-sized employers in SC, is proud to have been a collaborative partner on the Obesity Statewide Action Plan created to address the obesity epidemic in South Carolina, which is a contributing factor to many costly and deadly chronic diseases,” said Lisa Wear-Ellington, President and CEO of SCBCH. “By pulling together a diverse team of partners, the Obesity Advisory Council has created a common agenda and set of strategies whereby we can use our collective impact to decrease the obesity burden in our state, and SCBCH will roll out this plan internally with our membership.”

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

Hugh Weathers, Commissioner

“We are excited about this partnership with DHEC and look forward to fighting obesity throughout the state,” said Hugh Weathers, Commissioner for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. “The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is working hard to make sure local, nutritious products are available to everyone.”