

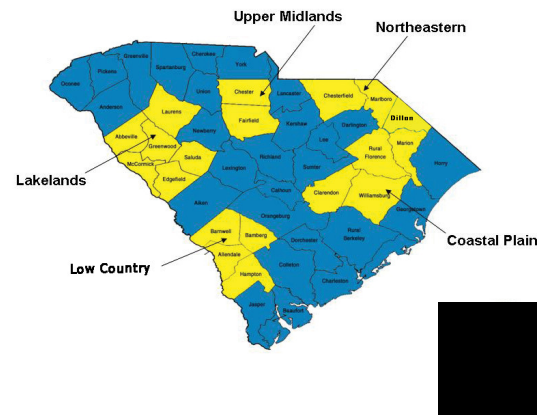
# Community Story

## About South Carolina Networks for Rural Health

Upper Midlands Rural Health Network was organized with the financial and technical assistance of the South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH). This network is one of five rural health networks developed through SCORH. The SCORH is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving access to quality healthcare in rural communities.

For more information about this or other rural health networks, please call the SC Office of Rural Health at (803) 454-3850.

### Rural Health Networks



## Coastal Plains Rural Health Network

### Who We Are

The Coastal Plain Rural Health Network Board of Directors has been working collaboratively since 2005. As the members became familiar with each other and their areas of expertise, it became apparent that there was a common interest between healthcare providers and community leaders. The group immediately identified healthcare issues and concerns within the region.

The South Carolina Office of Rural Health provided grants to the Coastal Plain Rural Health Network in 2005 and 2006 to assist in its organization and development. It continues to provide significant staff and technical assistance to the Network. The Executive Director serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Board of Directors.

The Coastal Plain Rural Health Network is a vertical network that serves Clarendon, Lower Florence, Marion and Williamsburg Counties. The Network members include Clarendon Memorial Hospital, Marion County Medical Center, Williamsburg Regional Hospital (Critical Care Hospital), Black River Healthcare, Inc. (Federally Qualified Health Center), Regions 4 & 6 of DHEC (public health agency), and Williamsburg Technical College.



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## Our Mission

Through the sharing of ideas, efforts and resources the members of the Coastal Plain Rural Health Network will utilize their combined skills and networking abilities to enhance and improve the overall health status for the citizens in our region.

## Our Vision

To strengthen healthcare accessibility and quality to the citizens of the Coastal Plain Rural Health Network region

## Success Stories

### • Putting Prevention into Practice Program

A prevention program that encompasses four counties and 14 hospital-owned physician practices and community health center clinics. Our goal is to make prevention screenings and tests part of the physician office routine, with the goal being early detection if there is a health issue. The target population for this program is women over the age of 40 and men over the age of 50. Funding has been pledged by The Duke Endowment for a period of three years.



*Ed Frye, CEO,  
Clarendon Memorial Hospital*



### • Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Cancer Grant

A great opportunity to provide screenings for breast, prostate, colon and cervical cancer. 2006-2008.

### • Latina Perinatal Outreach Program

The Coastal Plain Rural Health Network is administering a March of Dimes Community Grant that provides prenatal education in Spanish with the goal of improving birth outcomes.



### • Smoke-Free Initiative

A joint smoke-free effort between Black River Healthcare, Marion Medical Center, Williamsburg Regional Hospital and Clarendon Health System – All properties went smoke-free in 2008.

