

Megan A. Weis, DrPH, MPH, MCHES

EDUCATION

DrPH/Doctor of Public Health

May 2012

University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health– Columbia, SC
Dept. Of Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior

Dissertation: *Exploration of Individual and Organizational Factors in Participation in Professional Networks and Public Health Systems Change*

MPH/Master of Public Health

August 2002

University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health – Columbia, SC
Dept. of Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior

Bachelor of Science

June 1999

Furman University – Greenville, SC
Health & Exercise Science, Summa Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa

CERTIFICATIONS

MCHES/Master Certified Health Education Specialist (2011 – Present)

CHES/Certified Health Education Specialist (2005 – 2011)

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Human Research Social & Behavioral Researchers

Record ID 56813241; Expiration 11-July-26

EXPERIENCE

Director of Connecting Communities

March 2020 – Present

South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare (CRPH); Columbia, SC

Research Assistant Professor

March 2020 – Present

University of South Carolina School of Medicine; Columbia, SC

- Lead the direction and evaluation of Community Portfolio investment.
- Lead the Connecting Communities Team to include strategic direction, appropriate staffing and growth of the portfolio and team skills and capacity. Directly supervise staff in the Community Connections organizational area.
- Developed and currently direct the Rural Libraries and Health Innovations Cooperative Agreement program, an investment in five rural library systems to support innovative pilot projects and programs that test alternative models of community care and healthcare engagement via a library system. Grew program through a partnership with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- Create and maintain partnerships with local, state, and national organizations to identify and develop new programs and initiatives to meet rural healthcare needs, to include participating in advisory committees at local, state, and national levels.
- Participate in developing and implementing strategic communication with members of the South Carolina General Assembly.
- Serve as part of the Senior Leadership team contributing to strategic organizational development, investments, growth, research, and evaluation of the CRPH.

Senior Director of Strategic Engagement

Jan 2019 – March 2020

South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (IMPH) (formerly the South Carolina Public Health Institute (SCPHI); Columbia, SC

Hosted by the Arnold School of Public Health, USC Oct 2007 – December 2019

- Appointed Senior Director of Strategic Engagement as part of a strategic growth plan designed to build stronger infrastructure, operational capabilities, and overall success of the Institute.
- Primarily responsible for building and expanding the Institute's communications, impact evaluation and development work, and foster key relationships with legislators, governmental agencies, non-profit, academic, and philanthropic partners at local, state, and national levels.
- Developed operational framework to apply new strategic plan; oversaw creation of strategic communications plan for overall organization and specific report releases and events; steadily increasing social media engagement; increased media inquiries for quotes/information and OpEd placements for IMPH.

Co-Director, IMPH

Oct 2017 – Dec 2018

- Named Co-Director in Oct 2017, after being progressively promoted throughout my tenure in the organization previously known as the South Carolina Public Health Institute.
- Secured over \$2.7 Million in public and private-sector funding for research and core activities including program and operational support, direct outreach efforts, and reporting.
- In tandem with my fellow Co-Director, responsible for the successful utilization and expansion of a \$1.1 Million operational budget allowing us to provide evidence-based information and serve as an informed, neutral, nonpartisan convener around the important health issues in South Carolina.
- Bolstered positive outcomes while reducing unnecessary duplication of services by facilitating collaboration among interagency partners and stakeholders including USC's Arnold School of Public Health, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, and funders such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Duke Endowment.
- In partnership with the co-director, managed the Institute staff, budget, operations and deliverables.
- Established and maintained key partnerships essential to achieving and sustaining the Institute's operation and seeking to achieve its mission as a politically neutral research organization.
- Oversaw multi-stakeholder engagement in advancing population health priorities and sought consensus solutions to improve health outcomes including supervision of program managers for SScale Down (Implementation of the state's Obesity Action Plan) and the Institute's Long-Term Care work.
- Drove operational success and organizational capacity by employing an empowering leadership style with my team including program managers, researchers, interns, graduate assistants and field placement students.

**Associate Director, Outreach & Program Development, IMPH
SCPFI Coordinator**

Oct 2009 – Oct 2017

Oct 2007 – Oct 2009

- Fostered the successful creation of the South Carolina Coordinated Chronic Disease Prevention Plan by leading and conducting of strategic planning for SCPFI/IMPH.
- Developed and facilitated collaborations and partnerships, including guidance and management of multi-stakeholder workgroups and committees focused on a variety of health-related issues and policy matters such as communication and implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Richland County.
- Facilitated the Evaluation Team for the State Obesity Prevention Plan and led the evaluation for internal and external projects, including the Health Policy Fellows Program; a health policy education program for legislators and staff of the South Carolina General Assembly.

Program Coordinator II

July 2003 – Oct 2007

SC Violent Death Reporting System (SCVDRS) & SC Fatality Advisory Committee (SCFAC)

Division of Injury & Violence Prevention

SC DHEC/Department of Health & Environmental Control; Columbia, SC

- Managed the administration and coordination of grants for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) SCVDRS of SCFAC, including staff supervision, grant writing, meeting grant objectives, managing timelines, and reporting requirements.
- Improved operational functionality by developing data linkages between SCVDRS and other health and human services databases.

- Built and maintained SCVDRS partnerships, collaborations, and contractual relationships with numerous state, local, and national partners, including Legislators and Health Officials.

Data Manager

Jan 2002 – July 2003

SC Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

Division of Biostatistics & Health Geographic Information Systems, SC DHEC

- Executed day-to-day PRAMS operations activities in collaboration with Project Coordinator and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including training and supervising a Graduate Assistant

Graduate Assistant

Aug 2000 – Dec 2001

Division of Injury Prevention, SC DHEC

- Primarily responsible for producing reliable data on Violence/Injury Prevention, including conducting a literature review, performing a needs assessment, and reporting on prevention activity findings.

Peace Corps Child Survival Officer

June 1999 – Jan 2000

St. Gabriel’s Hospital – Namitete, Malawi, Africa

- Supported the Hospital Administrative Team with a variety of programs and services, providing medical care, nutritional assistance, and other public health initiatives to hundreds of area villages.

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina; Columbia, SC

Co-Instructor of Record, South Carolina Honors College

SCHC 484 Climate and Health (Fall 2023)

Instructor of Record/Adjunct Faculty Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior

PUBH 735 Practical Applications of Public Health Planning (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

HPEB 702 Planning Health Promotion Programs (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant

HPEB 702 Planning Health Promotion Programs (Spring 2011, 2012)

Instructor of Record – Undergraduate Level Courses

UI01 – University 101 (Fall 2010)

HPEB 321 Personal and Community Wellness (Spring 2010)

University of South Carolina Speaking

- Public Health. Galen Health Fellows Supper Talk. University of South Carolina. (September 17, 2024).
- Rural Health – The SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare. Didactic Session for Preventive Medicine Residents. University of South Carolina School of Medicine – Columbia. (August 7, 2024).
- Rural Health. USC Rural Interest Group. University of South Carolina. (September 12, 2022).
- Rural Health and Professional Opportunities. University of South Carolina Honors College. (April 4, 2022)
- Future Focus: Marketing Yourself to Prospective MPH Employers. (Panelist). Arnold School of Public Health. (March 25th, 2021)
- 2nd Annual Arnold School of Public Health Voices in Leadership Panel Discussion, “Improving the Health of South Carolinians: Issues of Public Health Concern.” Arnold School of Public Health (February 2018)
- Veteran Teaching Assistant Panel, University of South Carolina, 2011 TA Training Workshop. Arnold School of Public Health

Guest Lecturer

- USC Honors College SCHA 376 (Foundations of Public Health Leadership). Perspectives on Leadership. (September 19, 2024; October 3, 2023; September 26, 2022)
- Drexel University HMP 814 (Research & Practice Workshop). Panelist on Leadership in Non-Academic Settings. (November 13, 2023)
- USC School of Medicine – Finding Your Future Program; Rural Health 101 and the SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare (June 6, 2023)
- USC Honors College SCHC 476 (Introduction to Healthcare Delivery Science). What Drives Health? (October 31, 2022)
- USC Arnold School of Public Health HSPM 709 (Perspectives in Rural Health). Addressing Rural Health in South Carolina (February 9, 2022)
- USC Honors College SCHC 476 (Introduction to Healthcare Delivery Science). What Drives Health? (October 19, 2021)
- USC Honors College SCHA 376 (Foundations of Public Health Leadership). Practice Perspective: Leadership in Public Health. (September 27, 2021)
- USC Arnold School of Public Health HPEB 470 (Principles of Global Health). (September 2019)
- USC Arnold School of Public Health HSPM 700 (Approaches and Concepts in Health Administration). A picture of health in South Carolina. (September 2018; August 2016, November 2015)
- USC Arnold School of Public Health HADM J713 – Violence prevention in South Carolina (2001)

University-Sponsored Voluntary Trainings

- USC Safe Zone Ally Training (10/27/21)

MENTORING & STUDENT RESEARCH

South Carolina Public Health Association Mentorship Program Mentor. (October 2024 – March 2025).

Honors Thesis Second Reader - Reese Lycan, University of South Carolina Honors College; Columbia, SC
Projected Graduation May 2025; *The Role of Women as the Health “Gatekeepers” in Rural Appalachia*

Honors Thesis Mentor – Jayden Ellis, University of South Carolina Honors College; Columbia, SC
Projected graduation May 2024; Thesis: *Assessing the knowledge of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) among Nursing Students at the University of South Carolina.*

Summer Research Fellow Mentor – Anchee Nitschke Durban, St. Catherine University; St. Paul, MN
Summer 2023; Research: Telehealth Accessibility, Use, and Demand by Patrons of Libraries

Dissertation Committee Member – Rieta Drinkwine, Clemson University; Clemson, SC
PhD Candidate, Department of Planning, Design and the Built Environment
Graduated August 2023; Thesis: *Public Libraries As Thirdspaces for Community Participation in the Informational Society.*

Community Mentor – Erika Ludden, Academic Magnet High School; Charleston, SC
Defended Fall 2016: Thesis, *Expanding the World’s Blue Zones Through Addition of Blue Zones to the High School Health Education Curriculum in North Charleston.*

FELLOWSHIPS

- ❖ National Rural Health Policy Fellow, National Rural Health Association, 2024
- ❖ Furman University Riley Institute Diversity Fellow, Midlands Class XIV (Spring 2022)

HONORS & AWARDS

- ❖ Gerry Sue Arnold Alumni Award, Arnold School of Public Health, University of SC, 2021
- ❖ James A. Hayne Award, SC Public Health Association, 2019
- ❖ The Voice of Public Health Award, SC Public Health Association, 2019
- ❖ Delta Omega Honorary Society for Public Health, Mu Chapter, Alumni Inductee, 2018
- ❖ Michael D. Jarrett Outstanding Customer Service Award, SC Public Health Association, 2017
- ❖ First Place Faculty Paper Award (Tanner, Owens, Sisson, Kornegay, Bergeron, Friedman, **Weis**, Patterson & Windham), Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk (ComSHER) Division, 2014
- ❖ Lucinda Thomas Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Area of Community Health, SC Public Health Association, 2013
- ❖ South Carolina Public Health Association President's Award, SC Public Health Association, 2010
- ❖ Student Travel Scholarship, SC Public Health Association, 2010
- ❖ Malcolm U. Dantzler Scholarship, SC Public Health Association, 2008
- ❖ Public Health Scholarship, SC Public Health Association, 2008
- ❖ Health Educational Professional of 2007, SC Association for the Advancement of Health Education
- ❖ Malcolm U. Dantzler Scholarship, SC Public Health Association, 2007
- ❖ National high scorer on April Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam, National Commission on Health Education Credentialing, 2005
- ❖ Monthly Award for Excellence, Health Services, SC Department of Health & Environmental Control, January 2005
- ❖ Jerry R. Thomas Health & Exercise Science (HES) Outstanding Student Award, Furman University, 1999
- ❖ Elizabeth L. Blackwell Academic Achievement Award, Furman University (awarded to graduating senior varsity athlete with highest GPA), 1999
- ❖ Furman Advantage Research Fellow, Furman University, 1998
- ❖ Paul C. Cook Scholarship, Health & Exercise Science Department, Furman University, 1997 & 1998
- ❖ Furman Bisher Academic-Athletic Scholarship, Furman University, 1997 & 1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Highlighted:

South Carolina Public Health Association (SCPHA), Health Education Section – Member, 2001 – Present

- Immediate Past-President (2023-2024)
- President (2022-2023)
- President-Elect (2021-2022)
- Affiliate Representative to American Public Health Association Governing Council (2013 – 2016)
- SCPHA Secretary (Term: 2007 – 2008)
- SCPHA Governing Council Member-at-Large (Term: 2005 – 2007)
- Section Offices: Chair (2009 – 2010); Chair-elect (2008 – 2009); Vice-chair (2007 – 2008)
- Program Committee, Chair (2021-2022), Co-Chair (2006 – 2007), Member (2012 – 2013)
- Constitutions and Bylaws, Chair (2023 – 2024).
- Contributed Papers Committee, Co-Chair, 2010, 2013; Member 2011, 2014, 2015
- Futures Committee, 2005 – 2007, 2023 – 2024
- Scholarship Committee, 2005 – 2006
- Registration Committee, 2005 – 2006
- Nominations Committee, Chair, 2024, Member 2005 – 2006
- Member Mentor – Student Forum, 2010 – 2011
- Special Committees
 - Executive Director Exploratory Committee; Search Committee (2023 – present)
 - Student Forum Committee (Chair 2009 – 2010)

Appointed by the SCPHA President to Chair the Committee and lead the development of their first special interest forum, the Student Forum, which later became a section.

American Public Health Association (APHA) – Member, 2008 – 2009, 2011 – 2016, 2021 – present

- Intersectional Council Taskforce on Rural Health, 2020 – present
- Governing Council, 2013 – 2016
- Abstract Reviewer for the 137th APHA Annual Meeting (November 7 – 11, 2009), Academic Public Health Caucus program

Additional Affiliations, Service & Leadership (chronological)

SC Maternal Health Task Force – member, 2024 – 2025

DrPH Coalition – Member, 2021, 2023 - current

SC DHEC Certified Health Education Specialist CEU Review Committee (CHES) – Committee Member, 2006 – November 2017

South Carolina Association for the Advancement of Health Education – Member, 2005 – 2016

- Awards Committee, Co-Chair (2008), Member (2010, 2011)

Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina

Leadership Team, 2018 – 2020

Co-Chair - Policy and Advocacy Committee, 2018 – 2019

South Carolina Child Well-Being Coalition – Leadership Team, 2017 – 2019

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC)

Health Priorities Planning Advisory Committee, 2016 – 2018

Healthy People Healthy Carolinas

Metrics Advisory Team, funded by The Duke Endowment, 2016 – 2017

NACCHO's Public Health Transformation Sentinel Network (Sentinel Network), 2014 – 2015

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC)

Institutional Review Board (IRB) as Outside Member, 2014 – 2020

Office for Healthcare Workforce Analysis and Planning – Council Member 2012 – 2018

South Carolina Department of Education – **Health Education Standards Review & Revision Panel**, 2015

University of South Carolina's Healthy Carolina Health Literacy Taskforce – Member, 2014 – 2015

Consultant, 2016

Southern Obesity Summit, Planning Committee – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam Study Session Leader, 2005 – 2011

Led/co-led study sessions for CHES exam organized by the SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Health Education and SC Association for the Advancement of Health Education (SCAAHE) for exam participants. Included developing study materials and acting as a resource to interested CHES applicants throughout the year. Study sessions took place in April and October of each year.

Reviewer of *The Health Education Specialist: A Study Guide for Professional Competence*, 5th Ed., (2007) published by the National Commission for health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SC Suicide Prevention Coalition, 2002 – 2008

SAFE KIDS South Carolina – Board of Directors, 2004 – 2006

SC Department of Social Services – Citizens' Review Panel Member, 2005 – 2007

National Violent Death Reporting System – Strategic Planning Work Group, 2005

Hispanic Health Coalition – Member, 2002

American College of Sports Medicine – Member, 1998 – 1999

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia

SOAR Application reviewer, 2025

Health Disparities/Health Equity Workgroup Co-lead, USC School of Medicine Strategic Plan, 2023

Women in Science and Medicine Committee, 2021 – Present

Website subcommittee, 2021, 2022

Keynote Speaker Committee, 2024-2025

Faculty Advisor – University of South Carolina School of Medicine Rural Health Interest Group (2020 – 2025)

Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina

Reaccreditation Steering Committee – Alumni Representative, 2022-2024

Evaluation Committee, 2017 – 2023

University of South Carolina Honors College

BARSC-MD/Accelerated Undergraduate to MD Program Application Reviewer, 2023

University of South Carolina Honors College Top Scholar Reviewer and Interviewer, 2020

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Let's Move in Libraries – 2024 I Partner with My Public Library Award reviewer

Radically Rural – 2024 and 2025 Conference Advisory Board

PHEARLESS Initiative – University of South Florida College of Public Health - Community Mentor – 2024 Cohort

The PHEARLESS initiative integrates regenerative leadership education with innovative collaboration tools to enhance skill development through experiential learning. Such education and skill building are critical to support the collaborative learning and co-creation necessary to tackle the complex issues facing public health leaders and their community partners today. Served as a mentor to Colorado City Collaborative

WholeSpire (formerly Eat Smart Move More South Carolina) – Board Member, 2017 – 2019, 2020-2022 Terms

Vice-Chair, 2020-2021

Secretary of the Board, 2019-2020

Board Governance Committee, 2017 – Present, Chair 2002-2021

Chair - Marketing Advisory Committee, 2017 – 2018

Executive Director Search Committee, November 2018 – September 2019

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Lenstra, N.; DeGuzman, P.; McConnaughy, R.; Peritore, N.; **Weis, M.** (in press) How do public library partnerships impact health? A scoping study of interventions. *Health Promotion Practice*.

Friedman, D. B., Kornegay, V., Tanner, A., Bergeron, C. D., Sisson, D. C., **Weis, M. A.**, Patterson, L. L. (2016). Partnering with the public library for health care education: An evaluation of Affordable Care Act messages. *Public Library Quarterly*, 35(1), 1-22. DOI: 10.1080/01616846.2016.1163958

Tanner, A., Owens, O. L., Sisson, D. C., Kornegay, V., Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., **Weis, M.**, Patterson, L., & Windham, T. (2016). Dodging the debate and dealing the facts: Using research and community partnerships to promote understanding and communication of the Affordable Care Act. *The Library Quarterly*, 86(2), 172-192. DOI: 10.1086/685401

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Sisson, D. C., Tanner, A., Kornegay, V. L., Owens, O. L., **Weis, M. A.**, & Patterson, L. L. (2016). Awareness, perceptions, and communication needs about the Affordable Care Act across the lifespan. *American Journal of Health Education*, 47(2), 108-116. 1-9. DOI: 10.1080/19325037.2015.1133341

Sisson, D. C., Tanner, A., Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Owens, O. L., Kornegay, V. L., **Weis, M. A.**, Patterson, L. L. (In review). Communicating effectively about the Affordable Care Act: A qualitative study of perceptions and communication needs among African Americans, Whites, and Latinos. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Annang, L., Donna L. Richter, D.L., Fletcher, F.E. **Weis, M.A.**, Fernandes, P.L. & Clary, L. (2010). Diversifying the Academic Public Health Workforce: Strategies to Extend the Discourse about Limited Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Public Health Academy. *Association of Black Nursing Faculty*, 21(2).

Weis, M.A., Bradberry, C., Carter, L.P., Ferguston, J., Kozareva, D. (2006). An Exploration Of Risk Factors Associated With Suicide In South Carolina: An Expansion Of The South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System. *Injury Prevention* 2006; 12(Suppl II):ii17-ii21.

Campbell, R., **Weis, M.**, Millet, L., Powell, P., Hull-Jilly, D., Hackman, H. (2006). From Surveillance to Action: Early Gains from the National Violent Death Reporting System. *Injury Prevention*; 12(Suppl II):ii6-ii11.

Powell, V., Barber C.W., Hedegaard, H., Hempstead, K., Hull-Jilly, D., Shen, X., Thorpe, G.E., **Weis, M.A.** (2006) Using NVDRS Data for Suicide Prevention: Promising Practices in Seven States. *Injury Prevention*; 12(Suppl II):ii28-ii32.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Homicide and Suicide Rates – National Violent Death Reporting System, Six States, 2003. *MMWR* 2005(54), 377-380. Reported by TL Serpi, MS, Maryland Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene. B Wiersema, Univ of Maryland, College Park; H Hackman, MD, L Ortega, MD, Massachusetts Dept of Health. BJ Jacquemin, MPH, KS Weintraub, MA, New Jersey Dept of Health and Senior Svcs. M Kohn, MD, L Millet, MSH, Oregon Dept of Human Svcs. LP Carter, MS, **MA Weis, MPH**, South Carolina Dept of Health and Environmental Control. KE Head, V Powell, PhD, Virginia Dept of Health. M Mueller, MPH, Public Health Prevention Svc; LJ Paulozzi, MD, Div of Violence Prevention; D White, MPS, G Ryan, PhD, Office of Statistics and Programming, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC.

Valois, R.F., MacDonald, J.M., Bretous, L., **Fischer, M.A.**, & Drane, J.W. (2002). Risk factors and behaviors associated with adolescent violence and aggression. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 26(6), 454-464.

Fischer, M.A., Pearman, S.N. (2000). Psychophysiological responses of men and women to anaerobic power tests. *South Carolina Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*, 32 (1), 4-8.

ORGANIZATIONAL PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Growing Rural Podcast. Host, co-host and commentator. Produced by the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare, the Growing Rural Podcast offers a diverse and authentic depiction of the issues facing rural South Carolina as well as celebrating its successes.

https://uscmcd.sc.libguides.com/growing_rural_podcast

Tomorrow's Hope: Approaches to South Carolina School Mental Health Services. Four-video series. (Creative Director, SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health).

Tomorrow's Hope – Part 1: Background. November 2019

Tomorrow's Hope – Part 2: Collaboration. December 2019

Tomorrow's Hope – Part 3: Emerging Practices. January 2020

Tomorrow's Hope – Part 4: Opportunities and Looking Forward. January 2020

The Evolving Workforce: Redefining Health Care Delivery in South Carolina. (Editor, SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, June 2019).

Progress Report – April 2019; Creating Direction: A Guide to Improving Long-Term Care in South Carolina. (Editor, SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, April 2019)

Pocket Guide to Health Care Terms - 3 editions released Sept 2014, June 2012, and March 2011 (Lead Author; SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, South Carolina Public Health Institute)

South Carolina Perspectives on a Health Insurance Exchange (Co-author; SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, October 2011)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Year 2005 Final Report (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2007)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Year 2004 Final Report - Resident and Occurrent Deaths (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2006)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Preliminary Report – 2005 Occurrent Deaths (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2006)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Year 2003 Final Report - Resident and Occurrent Deaths (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2005)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Preliminary Report – 2004 Occurrent Deaths (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2005)

2003 South Carolina Child Fatality Advisory Committee (SCFAC) Annual Report (Lead Author; SCFAC, Released September 2005)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System – 2003 Orangeburg County Preliminary Report (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released November 2004)

South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System Preliminary Report – 2003 Occurrent Deaths (Lead Author; SC DHEC, Released September 2004)

2002 South Carolina Child Fatality Advisory Committee (SCFAC) Annual Report (Lead Author, Released September 2004)

OTHER MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

Gurzenda, S., Balio, C. P., **Weis, M.** Morbidity and Mortality related to intimate partner violence in the perinatal period. National Rural Health Association. Policy Paper, 2025.

Health Matters Radio. Guest on live radio show, Health Matters on 100.7 FM/1470 AM, hosted by Joel Lourie. December 18, 2023.

Axios Health Care Vitals: Expanding Equitable Access to Health Care – Columbia, South Carolina. Participant (invitation only). <https://www.axios.com/2023/12/05/axios-expert-voices-event-health-care-columbia> (December 1, 2023)

Rural Health Information Hub (RHHub). The Rural Library and Health Cooperative Agreement Program: A new Chapter in Rural Healthcare Access. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xD9i1kIZX7Q&list=PLstOftmjxj6muiIbWre2_b6ZO1qfZpzEl&index=2&ab_channel=RHHub. Interviewed for video. (Published February 2023)

Podcast Guest. Rural Health Leadership Radio. Episode 306: *A Conversation with Megan and Alani*. Available at <https://rhlradio.com/2022/07/06/306-a-conversation-with-megan-alanti/>. (July 6, 2022)

Opinion-Editorial. Culture of Health for South Carolina. The Greenville News, The (Orangeburg) Times and Democrat and SC Now Morning News. (Author; SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, March 2019)

Viewpoint. Aging population presents challenges to state, nation. Columbia Regional Business Report. (Co-author with Kester Freeman, SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health, March 2019)

University of South Carolina Graduate School, GRAD Professional Development Office, 2018 Professional Journeys Series, “My Professional Journey, So Far” (Author, December 2018)

INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING

Weis, M.A. & Price, A. Rural Health: What, Why, and Taking Action. SC YMCA Community Health Conference. Columbia, SC. (October 18, 2024).

Weis, M.A.; Cahsman, J.; Phillips, C.; Criss, S., & Wilson, T. “How SCPHA Partners Approach Advocacy in SC. South Carolina Public Health Association Advocacy Workshop. Columbia, SC. (October 8, 2024). (Session lead developer and facilitator).

Panelist in response to CDC’s Office of Rural Health. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 12-15, 2023. (in-person)

Weis, M.A. *Libraries as Community Health Hubs*. Radically Rural Summit. Keene, NH. September 27-28, 2023. (Invited panelist, in-person).

Weis, M.A. *Well-Being Hubs and the Future of Health Care*. IC2 The Future of Health Equity. Austin, TX. April 21, 2024. (Invited panelist, in-person).

Weis, M.A., Bennett, K. “*What Drives Health*” and “*What do we do about it?*” Heartland Health Alliance (Nebraska) Practical Applications of Social Determinants of Health & Health Equity Conference. October 8, 2021. (Invited presenters and facilitators for the virtual conference).

Weis, M.A., Lenstra, N., Knox, Q., Connery, D. *A Role for the Rural Library in Public Health Programming*. American Public Health Association Membership Webinar. August 26, 2021. (Moderator, virtual event).

Weis, M.A., Knox, Q., Connery, D., Perryman, C. *Public Libraries and Public Health: Partners for Community Health*. OCLC WebJunction® Webinar. October 19, 2021. (Virtual oral presentation)

Weis, M., Maheswaranathan, M. The importance of health literacy in rural vulnerable populations in supporting chronic disease manager. Southeast Health Literacy Conference, April 14-15, 2021. (Invited presentation and panel discussion).

Bourdon, A., Sanders, S., Stanek, M., **Weis, M.** *Future Focus: Marketing Yourself to Prospective MPH Employers*. University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health. Virtual Event. March 25, 2021. (Invited Panel).

Weis, M.A., Foster, R., & Davis, T. Q. *SC ACHE Panel Session: Achieving the Triple Aim in Healthcare*. Fifth Annual Integrated Healthcare Symposium. Columbia, South Carolina, September 13, 2019. (Invited Panel).

Weis, M.A. & Pack, M.H. *Loneliness and Aging in Place*. Furman University – Seminar and Breakout Discussions. Greenville, South Carolina, October 25, 2018. (Invited)

Weis, M.A. *What Shapes Health*. Chesterfield Community Coordinating Council, Chesterfield, South Carolina, September 21, 2018. (Invited)

Bennet, M., O’Neill, J, **Weis, M.**, & Oeffinger, J. *State Teams Learning Exchange: Sharing Promising Practices*. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Sponsored National Webinar, August 4, 2016. (Invited).

Weis, M. Coalition Building. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Division Quarterly Region Teleconference. July 2011. (Invited guest presenter).

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Supervised student researchers underlined)

Weis, M.A., DeGuzman, P., Lambing, K. Community-Based Nontraditional Access Points for Telehealth. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. May 7-10, 2024. (in-person).

Durben, A.N., Weis, M.A., Dockery, J., Slinkard-Barnum, S. *Increasing Health Equity in Rural Communities: Is Telehealth and Applicable Option?* 11th Annual Telehealth Summit of South Carolina. Greenville, SC. December 4-6, 2023. (Poster presentation).

Oskeritzian, C.A., Meggett, K., Wheeler, C., Foertsch, M., Riggi, K., Foster, Z., **Weis, M.**, Paudyal-Nepal, B. Pancholi, S., Hawkins, N., J Hucks, J., Anderson, R., Douglass, M., Garner, S., Alston, M., Valente, C., Cunningham, P., Roark, K., Henry Player, L., Wilczynski, S. *Meaningful Change: Enabling Intersectional Conversations by Establishing New Communication Platforms.* AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN. November 11 – 15, 2022. (Poster presentation).

Weis, M.A., Price, A. *Rural Libraries as Innovative Partners in Increasing Access Health Care.* National Rural Health Association 45th Annual Rural Health Conference. May 11-12, 2022 (in-person oral presentation).

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Buru, K., Guest, A., O’Brien, M. & **Weis, M.** Utilizing A Task Force: Health Literacy at the University of South Carolina. National Association of Social Workers – SC Chapter Spring Symposium, Columbia, SC, March 23 – 25, 2015 (Oral Presentation).

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Patterson, L., Priester, S., & **Weis, M.** Coalition Building: Partnering the Partners. SC Outreach Summit, Columbia, SC, July 31 – August 1, 2014 (Panel Discussion)

Tanner, A., Owens, O.L., Sisson, D., Kornegay, V., Bergeron, C.D., Friedman, D.B., **Weis, M.**, Patterson, L., & Windham, T. Dodging the debate and dealing the facts: Using research and community partnerships to promote understanding of the Affordable Care Act. 97th Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Montreal, Canada, August 6 – 9, 2014 (Oral Presentation in Top Paper Panel – Winner of First Place Faculty Paper in ComSHER Division).

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Weis, M., Pack, M., Splittgerber, A., Williams, C. Implementing the Affordable Care Act in South Carolina: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Importance of Partnerships (Opening General Session). South Carolina Public Health Association Annual Meeting, May 2011

Annang, L., Richter, D.L., Fletcher, F., **Weis, M.A.**, Fernandes, P.R., Clary, L. Diversifying the academic public health workforce: Lessons learned from a national public health minority faculty retreat. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 2009.

Pearson, J.L. & **Weis, M.A.** South Carolina Public Health Institute: Advancing the Public Health Priorities of South Carolina through Policy, Prevention and Leadership. (Concurrent Session) South Carolina Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Myrtle Beach, SC. May 2009.

Weis, M.A., Bradberry, C., Ferguson, J.E. An Exploration of Hospital and State Mental Health Services Contacts Prior to Suicide In South Carolina: An Expansion of The South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System. National Injury and Violence Prevention Research Conference. 2007.

Brown, S.J., **Weis, M.A.**, Kabore, H.J., & Lu, M. Sensitivity and Predictive Value Positive of ICD-10 and Manner of Violent Death: A Comparison of Two National Violent Death Reporting System States, Oklahoma and South Carolina, 2004. 2007 National Injury and Violence Prevention Research Conference. 2007

Weis, M.A. Use of violent death surveillance system to foster collaboration among non-traditional partners in violence prevention policy and health education programming. South Carolina Alliance for Health Promotion, Education, Recreation and Dance (SCAHPERD) Annual meeting. Myrtle Beach, SC. November 2007.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System. South Carolina Coroner's Association Annual Meeting. June 2007.

Weis, M.A., Sparks, E., Collaboration among various disciplines for South Carolina violent death surveillance and data usage in suicide prevention policy and health education programming. Society for Public Health Education Annual Meeting. November 2006.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System: From Data to Prevention. University of South Carolina - Urban Sociology class. October 2006.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System: From Data to Prevention. 2006 South Carolina Violence Prevention and Data Dissemination Meeting. September 2006.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (SCVDRS): Data Dissemination and Integration. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Violent Death Reporting System Grantee Reverse Site Visit. May 2006.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System and Injury and Violence Data Cube. SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Regional Social Work Directors Meeting. March 2006.

Corley, E.H., Carter, L.P., Ferguson, J.E., & **Weis, M.A.** Injury Morbidity and Mortality Data Integration with Human Services Databases. American Public Health Association 2005 Annual Meeting (Accepted, but not presented due to scheduling changes as a result of meeting postponement due to Hurricane Katrina). 2005.

Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System. 2005 South Carolina Violence Prevention and Data Dissemination Meeting. September 2005.

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Weis, M.A., South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System: State and Richland County Data. Richland County Sheriff's Office Gay, Lesbian, Transsexual, and Bisexual Task Force. March 2005.

Weis, M.A., Surveillance: South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System. SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Epidemiology Seminar. February 2005.

- Weis, M.A.**, South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System: State and Orangeburg and Richland County Data. Calhoun County “Who’s it all about?” Gang Awareness Program. December 2004.
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- Weis, M.A.**, Child Death Review as a Prevention Tool to Save Children’s Lives. South Carolina Public Health Association Annual Meeting. May 2004.
- Weis, M.A.**, Teens and Violence. Lexington County Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) Coalition. October 2003.
- Fischer, M.A.**, & Pearman, S.N. Psychophysiological responses of men and women to anaerobic power tests. Independent Colleges and Universities of South Carolina. February 1999. (Lead Presenter).
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