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Dr. Lilian Peake provides strategic direction for public health in South Carolina, leading DHEC's 1,600 Public Health employees. She ensures the delivery of appropriate, timely and quality services in DHEC's 75 community health clinics, with locations in every county in the state, and the performance of the Central Office Bureaus of Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Public Health Laboratory, Maternal and Child Health, Health Improvement and Equity, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Public Health Preparedness, and Public Health Statistics.

Prior to joining DHEC, Dr. Peake served as a public health leader at the Virginia Department of Health for 16 years. Her positions included Deputy Commissioner for Population Health, Associate Commissioner and Director of the Office of Family Health Services, and District Health Director. During her tenure as the District Health Director for the Thomas Jefferson Health District, she led the district to become accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. As Deputy Commissioner for Population Health, she led the state in developing its first state health improvement plan, Virginia's Plan for Well-Being.

Dr. Peake received a medical degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. She completed her residency training in Preventive Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Peake served as adjunct faculty at the University of Virginia School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Sciences from 2004 to 2016, and chaired the University of Virginia MPH Community Advisory Committee from 2010 to 2014. She has published articles on topics ranging from laboratory-acquired vaccinia virus infection to undergraduates serving as partners in public health. Prior to pursuing a career in public health, Dr. Peake worked in marketing and communications.

