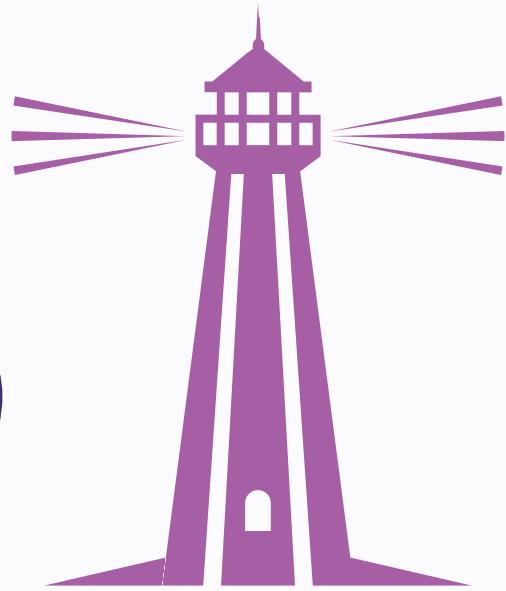


MDHA Annual Session

2026



FEBRUARY 28TH | GULFPORT, MS

Event Agenda

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The Great Southern Club - 2510 14th Street, Gulfport, MS 39501



Saturday, Feb. 28th

7:30AM – 8:00AM

... Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

... Opening Remarks

Linda Zakkak, RDH, BSBA, MPH - MDHA President

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM

... Recognition of Sponsors

Brittany Funderburg, MSL, RDH - MDHA President-Elect

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

... MSBDE Update & Legislative Roundtable

Denny Hydrick - MSBDE Executive Director

Haley Birmingham, RDH - MSBDE Hygienist at Large

Janet Brice McMurphy, RDH - MDHA Treasurer, MDHA Legislative Committee Chair

Linda Zakkak, RDH, BSBA, MPH - MDHA President

Brittany Funderburg, MSL, RDH - MDHA President-Elect

Tracie Miller, RDH - MDHA Vice-President

Laura Richoux, RDH - MDHA Secretary

Catherine Dunn, RDH, MDH - MDHA Delegate

Carrie Fowler, RDH, MSM - ADHA District VI Director

Alana James, DHA, RDH, MHS, BS

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

... Morning Session

Topic: Oral Cancer Screening: It's More Than Grasping the Tongue

Susan Cotten, BS, RDH, OMT - Dentistry's Oral Cancer Coach

Agenda contd.

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

... **Lunch (Buffet Style)**

Sponsors

MDHA Business Meeting & Treasurer's Report

Janet Brice McMurphy, RDH - MDHA Treasurer

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

... **Student Breakout**

Dental Hygiene Clinical Board Review

Shayna Overfelt - ADEX Representative

Dental Hygiene Science Review

Wendy Brown, RDH, BS - Hygiene School Specialist

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

... **Afternoon Session**

Topic: Oral Cancer Screening: It's More Than Grasping the Tongue

Susan Cotten, BS, RDH, OMT - Dentistry's Oral Cancer Coach

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

... **MDHA Committee Chair Reports**

Brittany Funderburg, MSL, RDH - MDHA Annual Session Committee

Tracie Miller, RDH - Membership Committee

Laura Richoux, RDH - Communication Committee

Catherine Dunn, RDH, MDH - Fundraiser Committee

Janet Brice McMurphy, RDH - Legislative Committee

Linda Zakkak, RDH, BSBA, MPH - Community Outreach Committee

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM

... **Closing Remarks & Raffle Drawing**

(Must be present to receive your prize)

Linda Zakkak, RDH, BSBA, MPH - MDHA President