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**Dogwood Health Trust and Affiliated Monitors, Inc. Announce Schedule for
Two Community Meetings with Independent Monitor**

Meetings will provide reporting updates and information on where to share feedback

Asheville, N.C. – Dogwood Health Trust and Affiliated Monitors, Inc. announce the schedule for two community meetings with the Independent Monitor (IM) to be held in May 2025. Each community meeting will share updates about the IM’s work and information about where community members can go with concerns and feedback about HCA.

As the Independent Monitor, Affiliated Monitors is responsible for monitoring and evaluating HCA’s compliance with its commitments required by the 2019 Asset Purchase Agreement of the Mission Health System. [Affiliated Monitors was engaged as the IM in 2024.](#)

The community meetings are part of the IM’s larger, ongoing engagement strategy that includes conversations with community groups, organizations and individuals. So far in 2025, the IM has held 14 meetings (three with organizations, three with groups of concerned citizens and eight with individuals) to collect feedback and reflections concerning health care delivery in Western North Carolina. In addition, the IM continues to [receive concerns and feedback via its website](#).

While more details about the agenda will be shared closer to the community meetings, the locations, dates and times will be:

Monday, May 12 (5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

McDowell Technical Community College
Building 11, Room 113
54 College Dr.
Marion, NC 28752

Tuesday, May 13 (5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

AB Tech Community College
Ferguson Auditorium
340 Victoria Rd.
Asheville, NC 28801

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each scheduled meeting. The Asheville meeting will also be livestreamed.

“The Independent Monitor plays an important role in listening to the community. These meetings are opportunities to share about their findings and work and to connect community members with the best ways that they can share feedback and concerns about their experiences,” said Dr. Susan Mims, CEO of Dogwood Health Trust. “Dogwood is responsible for offering opportunities like this through 2029 – 10 years after the Asset Purchase Agreement was signed – and we are committed to creating spaces for informative exchange.”

The Independent Monitor will also be in Western North Carolina from May 5-14, 2025, and welcomes invitations from civic groups, organizations and community members who want to share their experiences with HCA and the Mission Health System. If you would like to schedule a meeting outside of the community meetings above, please email Mission@AffiliatedMonitors.com.

For more information about the work of the Independent Monitor, please visit <https://independentmonitormhs.com/>.

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Affiliated Monitors, Inc. is a Boston-based company with 20 years of independent monitoring experience in healthcare, with an emphasis in health care regulation, consumer protection, anti-trust, and fraud and abuse. The independent monitor was selected in April 2024 by Dogwood Health Trust to monitor HCA Healthcare, Inc.’s remaining obligations under the Asset Purchase Agreement.

Dogwood Health Trust is a private foundation based in Asheville, North Carolina with the sole purpose of dramatically improving the health and wellbeing of all people and communities of 18 counties and the Qualla Boundary in Western North Carolina. Dogwood Health Trust focuses on innovative and equitable ways to address the many factors that contribute to overall health and wellbeing, with a focus on housing, education, economic opportunity, and health and wellness. Dogwood Health Trust works to create a Western North Carolina where every generation can live, learn, earn and thrive, with dignity and opportunity for all, no exceptions. To learn more, please visit www.dht.org.