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Dogwood Health Trust and Affiliated Monitors, Inc. Announce Location Update and Details for Upcoming 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. are pleased to share additional details about the upcoming Independent Monitor (IM) community meetings scheduled for May 12 in Marion and May 13 in Asheville.

At each meeting, the IM will review findings from the 2023 reporting year, share details about the current process for the 2024 year, answer commonly asked questions, and offer resources for where community members can go with concerns and feedback about HCA.

Dogwood and the IM will be joined by representatives from the HCA Mission Health System, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Attorney General's office at each meeting. Each organization's representative will be available at a breakout table after the IM's presentation to connect with directly. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions or comments to be shared with the IM or other organizations represented for follow-up.

Since the first announcement of the community meeting dates in late March, the location for the Marion meeting has changed to the Marion Train Depot. All other details remain the same, with doors opening 30 minutes before each scheduled meeting. Pre-registration for the meetings is encouraged.

MEETING DETAILS

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

Marion Train Depot
45 Depot St.

Marion, NC 28752

This meeting will be in-person only.

Register to attend in-person.

Tuesday, May 13: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
AB Tech Community College

Ferguson Auditorium 340 Victoria Rd. Asheville, NC 28801

This meeting will be both in-person and livestreamed.

Register to attend in-person.

Or

Register to attend the livestream.

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.

The Independent Monitor will 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, antitrust, 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.