

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

MARCH 20, 2024

ADJUDICATION CONFERENCE

Dogwood Health Trust is bringing a mini conference to Rutherford and McDowell counties with a tentative date of June 13, 2024. The conference will discuss factors impacting adjudication, possible solutions, and how Dogwood HealthTrust may be able to assist. According to law, adjudications must be held within 60 days of children coming into DSS custody. The state report (JWISE) indicates RCDSS is at 86% for completing adjudications within 60 days which is one of the highest in the state and the highest of our western counties.

JWISE NC Key Adjudication Hearings Report 1/1 - 12/31/23

County	Adjudications Held within 60 Days of Filing	Adjudications Held but Not within 60 Days of Filing	Adjudications Not Held But Are Within 60 Days of Filing as of 2/6/24	Adjudications Not Held/Still Pending	Total Adjudications	% Heard within 60 Day Time Standard
Avery	4	9	0	0	13	30.8%
Buncombe	20	153	0	41	214	9.3%
Burke	20	18	4	22	64	31.2%
Cherokee	1	12	0	5	18	5.6%
Clay	1	11	0	3	15	6.7%
Graham	2	6	0	8	16	12.5%
Haywood	55	28	3	15	101	54.5%
Henderson	30	31	1	1	63	47.6%
Jackson	11	39	0	5	55	20.0%
Macon	4	28	0	6	38	10.5%
Madison	9	2	0	0	11	81.8%
McDowell	10	48	3	11	72	13.9%
Mitchell	15	15	1	2	33	45.5%
Polk	6	15	0	0	21	28.6%
Rutherford	103	15	0	2	120	85.8%
Swain	11	13	0	1	25	44.0%
Transylvania	9	19	0	1	29	31.0%
Yancey	21	9	1	3	34	61.8%
Totals	332	471	13	126	942	35.2%

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BOARD TRAINING

Board training has been scheduled for April 17, 2024, at 2:30 PM at the County Administration Building.

2024-2025 BUDGET

We are meeting with the County manager on March 27, 2024, to discuss our budget. We will present the budget totals at our April board meeting.