

NCACDSS Regional Meeting

October 22-23, 2026

Buncombe County HHS, 40 Coxe Ave, Asheville, NC

AGENDA

THURSDAY, October 22

9-12 pm Director's ONLY Session

- Welcome/ Connection –Kim Arnett, Caldwell County and Matt Hillman, Lincoln County
- Updates from Executive Director – Karen Powell
- Updates from DHHS Regional Directors
- FMLA Discussion – OSHR Policy Team (via TEAMS)
- PATH NC Reports for Directors – Rob Morrel, NC DHHS
- Medicaid HR-1 Discussion – NC DHHS Gina Hamilton

9-12 pm Child Welfare Session

Facilitator: Laura Harrison, Caldwell County Deputy Director

- PATH NC Ongoing Discussion — (9 am-10:30 am)
- SSA/SSI Changes and ABLE Account Discussion, Beth Riley NC DHHS and Caleb Hawkins, NC DHHS (10:30 – 11:45am)

9-12 pm Economic Services Session

Facilitator: Brandi Thompson, Caldwell County Economic Services Program Administrator

- FNS HR – 1 Discussion – NC DHHS Emma Burgy and Allison Smith
- Medicaid HR -1 Discussion –NC DHHS Gina Hamilton, Sandy Danner, Christine Coffey
- Long-Term Care Medicaid - NC DHHS Gina Hamilton, Sandy Danner, Christine Coffey

9-12 pm Adult Services Session

Facilitator: Beverly Ruppard, Caldwell County Adult Services Program Manager

- Alzheimer's/Dementia Presentation - Denise Young Program Manager, CDP Alzheimer's Association - North Carolina Chapter
- Final Rule for APS and state workgroup updates – Rick Hall, Forsyth County

9-12 pm Fiscal/Budget Session

Facilitator:

- See LBL Agenda

12-1:30 pm LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE

1:30-4 pm JOINT Session- Open to all

- 1:30-2:00 LBL Updates: Caleb Hawkins, NC DHHS and Beth Riley, NC DHHS
- 2:00-3:30 HR-1, FNS – Brian Hogan and Medicaid – Gina Hamilton
- 3:30-4 Wrap-Up

FRIDAY, October 23, 2026

BREAKFAST PROVIDED ON SITE BY VANGUARD PROFESSIONAL STAFFING

9-12 pm JOINT Session- Open to all

- Artificial intelligence in Government Work and in Court Proceedings - UNC School of Government, Kristi Nickodem
- Poverty Simulation, NC DHHS, NC DHHS Allison Smith and Emma Burgy