



N.C. Department of Health
and Human Services

Public Guardianship—

A system undergoing significant change and growth

Mental Health Reforms on Public Guardianship Subcommittee

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on

Health and Human Services

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Shift in Responsibility

- Use of eligible corporations
- Continued reliance on county DSSs

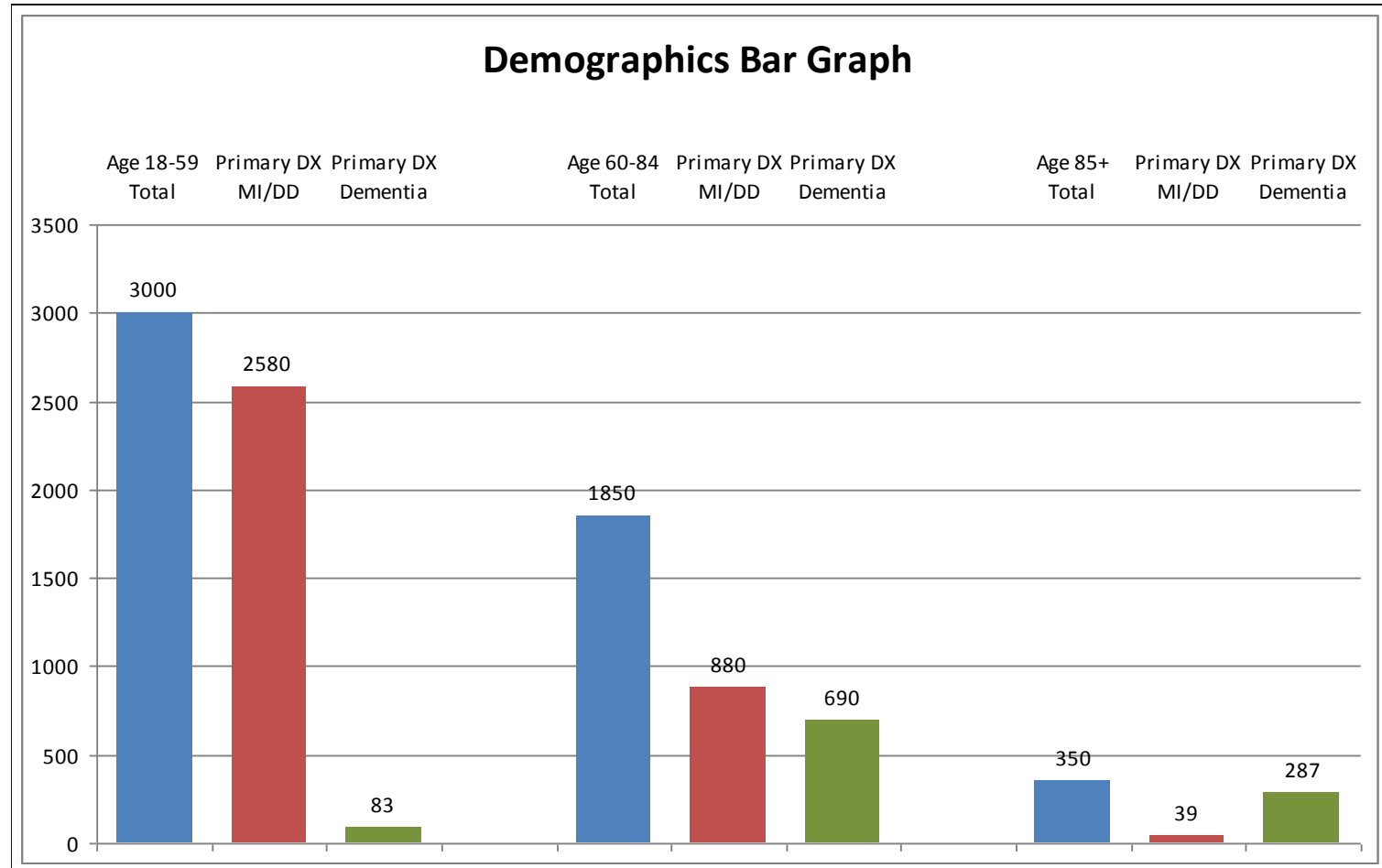


DAAS Contract Addresses Conflict of Interest Protections Cited in 35A-1213

Prohibits individual who contracts with or is employed by an entity that contracts with a local management entity (LME) for the delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services from serving as a guardian for a ward for whom the individual or entity is providing these services, unless the individual is a parent of that ward.



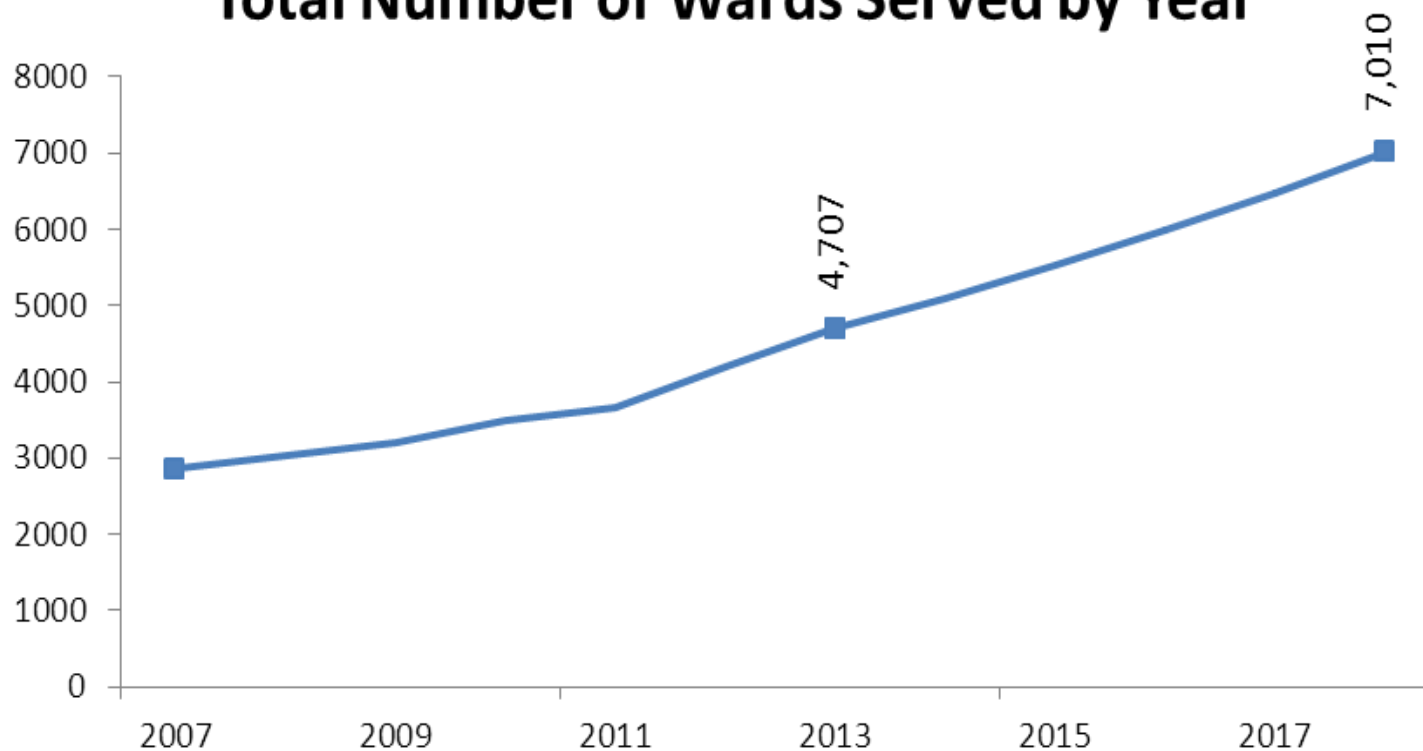
Face of NC Public Guardianship





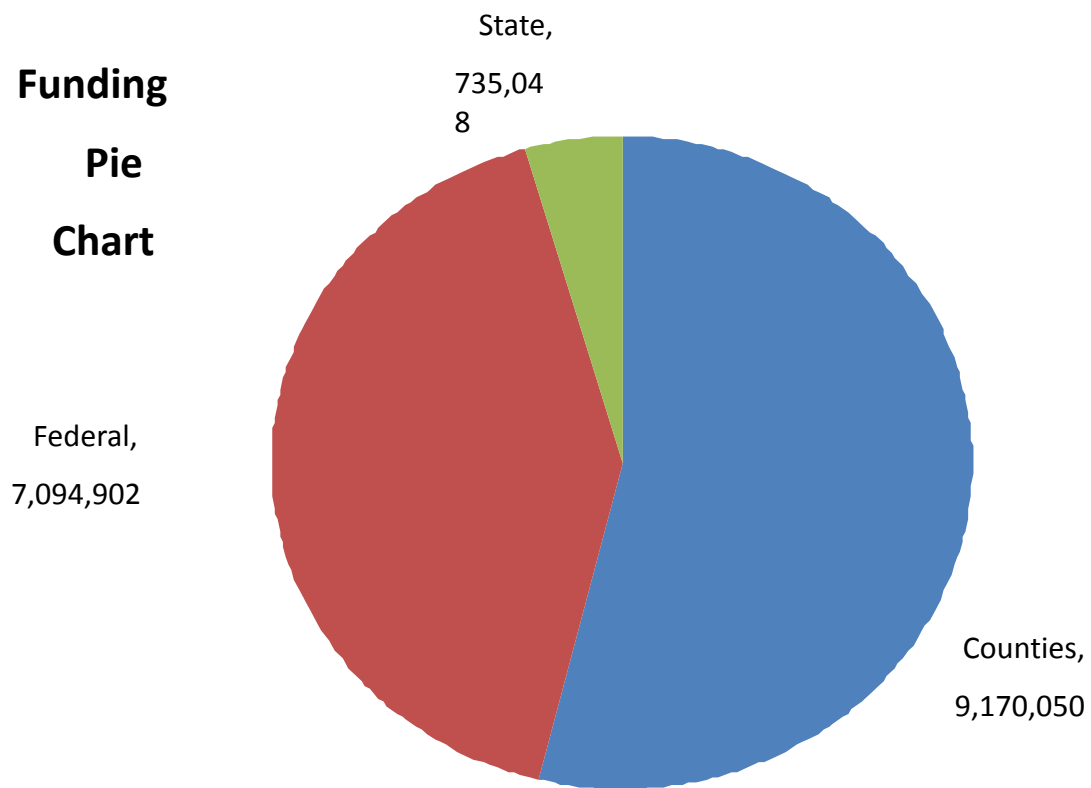
Expected Growth

Total Number of Wards Served by Year





**Funding
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Chart**





Secretary Was Called for Work Group

- NC Association of County DSS Directors
- NC Guardianship Association
- NC Conference of Clerks of Superior Court
- UNC School of Government
- NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- Representatives of the Corporations
- NC Divisions of Aging and MH/DD/SAS



Some Workgroup Observations & Recommendations

- Importance of ensuring need for public guardian
- Timely access to needed behavioral services
- Modify NC G.S. 35A-1202(14) and -1242