

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

via Zoom

August 25, 2021

Commissioners Present	Bob Knowles, President (via Zoom) Dr. Jim Distelhorst, Secretary (via Zoom) Deana Knutsen, Commissioner (via Zoom) Karianna Wilson, Commissioner (via Zoom) Fred Langer, Commissioner (via Zoom, 8:40 am departure)
Staff	Lisa Edwards, EdD, Superintendent (via Zoom) Jennifer Piplic, Marketing Director (via Zoom) Sue Waldin, Community Wellness Program Manager (via Zoom) Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker (via Zoom) Zoe Reese, Director of Community Impact (via Zoom) Tammy Keuser, Director of Finance and Operations (via Zoom) Tammy Weenink, Executive Assistant/Office Manager (via Zoom)
Guests	Anji Jorstad, Mental Health Supervisor, Snohomish County (via Zoom) Carolyn Brennan, Community Member (via Zoom)
Call to Order	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President Knowles.
Approval of Minutes	<i>Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve</i> the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 28, 2021. (E:57:21)
Community Presentation	Dr. Edwards reported on the increase of South County Fire 911 EMS calls and current Verdant grants that support adult behavioral health. (E:58:21) Dr. Edwards then introduced Ms. Jorstad, Mental Health Supervisor from Snohomish County, who gave a high-level overview on the current status of behavioral health organizations and services. Ms. Jorstad reported that agencies are struggling to administer funding and have more job openings than ever before. Reimbursement rates for agencies are set at the same level statewide, which impacts employment differently depending on where you are in the state and what is considered a living wage. Ms. Jorstad mentioned that they are definitely seeing an increase in the homeless that struggle with mental health issues and it is a struggle to find services for this population.

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**Staff
Presentation**

Ms. Huber presented an overview of Verdant multicultural programming. Ms. Huber's presentation included current census data showing the increase in diversity in Snohomish County from 2010-2020, program statistics, and a preview of upcoming programming.

Secretary Distelhorst requested that a copy of the slide deck be sent to commissioners. (E:59:21)

**Superintendent
Report**

Dr. Edwards reported that the growing cases for COVID-19 has made it necessary for the team to pivot and rethink how our classes and services are delivered. All Fall 2021 in-person classes have been cancelled and will return to virtual programming due to uncertainty about the virus. Verdant continues to work with Swedish Hospital Edmonds on the Kruger Clinic refresh with design firm NBBJ. The recommendations for updating the exterior and interior of common spaces will be presented to Finance Committee at the September meeting. Dr. Edwards gave an update on the changes in leadership and structure at Swedish Edmonds as Dave West will be retiring September 1, 2021. The new structure includes regional CEO and local Executive Director roles. The Value Village property discussion continues, and Dr. Edwards hopes to have more information by the end of the week. Dr. Edwards also reports that the team has been working on 2022 budget and 2022 individual goals. A team retreat is planned for Thursday, August 26, 2021 for team building and sharing of 2022 goals. Dr. Edwards thanked Ms. Reese and Ms. Walker for the implementation of the grant management software and announced that Q3 August 2021 grantmaking will be the last paper application process.

**Executive
Committee
Report**

President Knowles reported that the Executive Committee met on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 to review the agenda for the August 25, 2021 board meeting. No action was taken.

President Knowles referred to the draft agenda included in the packet for the September 18, 2021 board retreat and noted all commissioners should have this on their calendar and that Margot Helphand will be facilitating the retreat. (E:60:21)

**Finance
Committee
Report**

The Finance Committee met on August 13, 2021. Ms. Keuser reviewed the financial statement and cash activity for July 2021 and noted anything over \$5,000 in payment from the warrants. (E:61:21)

Authorization for payment of vouchers and payroll:

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Authorization for Payment of Voucher and Payroll	Warrant numbers 14962 through 15017 for July 2021 for payment in the amount of \$120,945.40 were presented for approval by President Knowles. (E:62:21) Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.
YTD Expenses for July 2021	Ms. Keuser presented the pie chart representing YTD expenses as of July 2021 and a graph showing program funding 2019-2021 YTD. (E:63:21)
Program Committee Update	Commissioner Knutsen reported that the Program Committee met on August 12, 2021.
Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts of interest reported.
Grant Modifications	None
Expiring Contracts	None
Superintendent's Discretionary Funds	<p>Ms. Reese presented newly funded contracts as of 7/31/21 (E:64:21)</p> <p>Brain Energy Support Team, Cognitively Appropriate COVID Resources and Communications, 7/1/2021-12/31/2021, \$20,500 Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.</p> <p>Communities of Color Coalition, Community Wellness Series for BIPOC Community, 7/1/2021-12/31/2021, \$50,000 Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.</p>
Grantee Highlights	Ms. Reese reported on recent grantee report highlights. CHS Behavioral Health Integration exceeded the number of individuals they had anticipated to provide care for and remarked on a surprising benefit of providing services during a pandemic -- seeing clients' living situations firsthand during video consults rather than relying on self-reported needs. This allowed staff to support additional needs of clients without the clients needing to start the sometimes-challenging conversation. LETI Family Support for COVID Vaccination has already connected 455 PHD2 residents via 944 vaccination appointments. LETI commented that the program has brought them into contact with many new families and has allowed them a window into a segment of our community that largely lives under the radar uncovering primary needs such as basic English, secondary English, and technology. YMCA Emergency Shelter

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has already served 34 out of an annual goal of 60 PHD2 households in one quarter with 57% of households served to date having exited the shelter to permanent housing. (E:64:21)

Covid update

Information included in packet.

Fluxx

Information included in packet.

Collaboration Multiplier

Ms. Reese reported that the first virtual training with the Prevention Institute on the Collaboration Multiplier tool occurred July 23, 2021 and was very well received. Participants were asked to complete a homework assignment between then and the second session on August 20, 2021 to help guide conversations around new and enhanced partnership opportunities in South Snohomish County. Verdant actively participated in the process and will continue to work on how we can best support our partners to be most successful. (E:64:21)

Q3 Grant Making

Ms. Reese anticipates overall fewer applications as there are fewer renewals. Applications will be accepted August 16, 2021-August 27, 2021 for the Q3 grantmaking process.

Review of 2021 and 2022 Budget Forecasting

Ms. Reese presented the Committed Program Funding schedule as of July 2021 and a graph of grant funds that specifies program area and committed funds for 2021 and 2022. Superintendent's Discretionary funds were included in the graph this month. (E:65:21)

Verdant Program and Marketing Highlights

See exhibit (E:66:21) for updates on program staff and marketing highlights.

DEI Consultant

Dr. Edwards shared that the selection process for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion consultant will move forward later this week with the revised scope of work and timeline, pending any questions or concerns raised by commissioners. None were presented.

CHART

Update was sent to Commissioners by Dr. Edwards.

Public Comments

Carolyn Brennan, Commissioner Candidate, was in attendance to learn more about Verdant and expressed the importance of the work being done.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Knutsen commented that Verdant is doing good work. She said that the behavioral health needs feel overwhelming and wants to thoughtfully consider how can we have an impact on this large of a problem.

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Commissioner Distelhorst asked that all commissioners be sent the information on the change in demographics that was reported in Ms. Huber's presentation.

Meeting Recess

President Knowles recessed the meeting at 9:08 a.m. to reconvene at 9:20 a.m.

Executive Session

President Knowles reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20 a.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session to review and consider proposed sale of real estate. President Knowles stated that the board would reconvene in 20 minutes and no action would be taken in Executive Session.

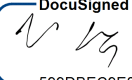
Open Session

The board reconvened into Open Session at 9:40 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. by President Knowles.

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