

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting**

**Hybrid: In-Person at Verdant Community Wellness Center and via Zoom**

**October 8, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners  
Present**

Carolyn Brennan, Secretary  
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner  
Jim Distelhorst, MD, Commissioner  
Bob Knowles, Commissioner  
Karianna Wilson, President

**Staff**

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent  
Riene Simpson, Director of Finance  
Kyla Morgan, Executive Assistant and Office Manager  
Chase Toscano, Contracts Manager  
Ceil Erickson, Director of Community of Impact

**Guests**

None.

**Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Wilson.

**Land and  
Enslaved People's  
Acknowledgement**

President Wilson read the land acknowledgement aloud.

**Discussion:  
Review 2025  
Funding Cycle  
Mental Health  
Applications**

Ms. Erickson provided an overview of the 28 mental health applications the District received, totaling \$4,436,000 in mental health requests. Commissioners agreed to allocate roughly 60% of the total requested mental health funding towards mental health, which is \$2,661,847.00. Commissioners discussed the strategy they would like to use for reviewing the applications. The goal of the meeting was to recommend either funding, no funding, or partial for each application. The District will meet again on November 13, 2024 to balance the community investment portfolio and finalize funding amounts for 2025 that will be approved at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Before proceeding with the funding discussion, Commissioner Brennan disclosed her employment at the University of Washington - Bothell. Their digital scholar program has had interns at Project Girl, WAWAC, NAMI, and

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other community organizations. She made it clear that she has no control or decision making on the U.W. Digital Scholar program and it does not influence her decision making during the funding process.

Mr. Toscano shared a live excel sheet that contained an overview of each applicant and the Commissioners' initial recommendations. He updated the excel throughout the discussion as Commissioners reviewed each application (E:70:24). The Board reviewed the merits of the following applicants:

**APPLICATION DISCUSSION:**

ASSOCIATION FOR COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON SAFETY AND SECURITY: Requested \$135,915.00.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY: Requested \$100,000.00.

CANCER LIFELINE: Requested \$15,000.00.

CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES: Requested \$350,000.00.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY:  
Requested \$100,000.00.

CHILDSTRIVE: Requested \$200,000.00.

CITY OF LYNNWOOD: Requested \$295,467.00.

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR COALITION: Requested \$140,100.00.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY:  
Requested \$105,000.00.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEES: Requested \$88,085.00.

DECONSTRUCTING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM INC:  
Requested \$100,00.00.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY:  
Requested \$189,000.00.

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DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY dba SOUND PATHWAYS/PACIFIC TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES: Requested \$175,000.00.

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Requested \$800,000.00.

EVERGREEN RECOVERY CENTERS: Requested \$246,660.00.

INSIDE HEALTH INSTITUTE: Requested \$45,800.00.

KOREAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER: Requested \$161,000.00.

NAMI SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTY: Requested \$60,000.00

NORTHWEST NEIGHBORS NETWORK: Requested \$52,725.00.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST VETERAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Requested \$12,000.00.

PARENT TRUST FOR WASHINGTON CHILDREN: Requested \$33,568.00.

PARTICIPATORY JUSTICE (SCHOLAR FUND): Requested \$100,000.00.

PROGRAM FOR EARLY PARENT SUPPORT: Requested \$60,750.00.

PROJECT GIRL MENTORING PROGRAM: Requested \$150,000.00.

SUPPORT 7: Requested \$68,662.00.

THE CLEARWATER SCHOOL WELL BEING CENTER: Requested \$187,500.00.

THE HAND UP PROJECT dba ADVOCATES RECOVERY SERVICES: Requested \$232,500.00.

WASHINGTON WEST AFRICAN CENTER FORMALLY GTP: Requested \$231,680.00.

**Commissioner  
Comments**

Ms. Erickson reminded Commissioners that the next round of applications for review are the healthcare access applicants.

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Commissioners will review and score by Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> to review and score. The District will review the healthcare access funding applications at the Special Board Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Commissioner Knutsen thanked the District for giving her support during this time.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by President Wilson.

**ATTEST BY:**

Signed by:  
*Karianna Wilson*  
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President

Signed by:  
*Carolyn Brennan*  
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Secretary