

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Meeting
via Zoom
March 24, 2021**

Commissioners Present	Dr. Jim Distelhorst, Secretary (via Zoom) Karianna Wilson, Commissioner (via Zoom, 8:12 arrival) Deana Knutsen, Commissioner (via Zoom) Fred Langer, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Commissioners Excused	Bob Knowles, President
Staff	Lisa Edwards, EdD, Superintendent (via Zoom) Jennifer Piplic, Marketing Director (via Zoom) Sue Waldin, Community Wellness Program Manager (via Zoom) Sandra Huber, Community Engagement 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) Thea Walker, Community Impact and Grantmaking Intern (via Zoom) Alex Franco, Social Media Intern (via Zoom)
Guests	Members of the Community (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 Secretary Distelhorst.
Introduction of Verdant Interns	<p>Ms. Piplic introduced Alex Franco, Social Media Intern, who just joined us this month and will be with Verdant through August 2021. Alex is a WWU senior and is studying marketing with a minor in UX/UI design. His work will begin with a focus on strengthening and streamlining Verdant's social media presence and practices and will be involved in the website redesign project.</p> <p>Ms. Reese introduced Thea Walker, Community Impact and Grantmaking Intern, who also joined the Verdant team this month. Thea will be helping with the grant process and implementation of the grant software. Thea is a senior at WSU Everett and is studying communications.</p>

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**Approval of
Minutes**

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 24, 2021. (E:13:21)

**Community
Presentation**

Ms. Waldin, Community Wellness Program Manager gave a presentation about the fruit and vegetable voucher program (E:14:21). This is one of several programs that Verdant offers to help address food insecurity in the community. Verdant provides nutrition incentive vouchers redeemable at Safeway stores to South Snohomish County residents through two programs.

To be eligible for the state-funded program through Washington State Department of Health, recipients must be food insecure and have, or be at risk of developing, a chronic disease. These participants receive \$10 per week for household of 1-5 or \$20 per week for households of 6 or more.

The distribution of Verdant-funded vouchers is through many of our community partners. Since March 2020 this program has distributed 1,800 food and vegetable vouchers totaling \$18,000.

Ms. Waldin shared that there are additional plans to address food insecurity in South Snohomish County. Ms. Waldin is collaborating with Ms. Huber, Community Outreach Manager, to develop a Spanish language Department of Health cohort for the voucher program that focuses on the prevention of prediabetes and diabetes. Ms. Waldin is also working on a Hunger and Health Stakeholder Group to learn more about current food security efforts, identify gaps, and explore opportunities and plans to use listening sessions to explore food insecurity across diverse groups in our community.

**Superintendent
Report**

Dr. Edwards said that during last month's quarterly grant making process, there was a diverse pool of submissions representing the needs of the community. Dr. Edwards thanked the Verdant team and the Program Committee for their time and dedication to the process and that the Verdant team is looking forward to the implementation of a grant management system.

Dr. Edwards reported that Verdant is working on transitioning to a new property management company that will oversee the Kruger Clinic, Value Village property and the Verdant Community Wellness Center building. Dr. Edwards will be meeting with Swedish to get an update on where they are on their facility maintenance and will have more information before the Strategic Collaboration meeting.

Dr. Edwards is excited for the opportunity to continue community outreach by participating on the Foundation for Edmonds School District Board of Directors.

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Executive Committee Report	Secretary Distelhorst reported that the committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 to review the agenda for the March 24, 2021 board meeting. No action was taken.
Finance Committee Report	The Finance Committee met on Friday, March 19, 2021. Ms. Keuser reviewed the financial statement and cash activity for February 2021 (E:15:21) and noted anything over \$5,000 in payment from the warrants.
Authorization for Payment of Voucher and Payroll	Authorization for payment of vouchers and payroll: Warrant numbers 14697 through 14757 for February 2021 for payment in the amount of \$156,125.74 were presented for approval (E:16:21) by Commissioner Langer. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.
Resolution 2021:03 Fixed Asset Disposition	Commissioner Langer explained that Verdant has two laptops that are not able to be upgraded leaving them unusable and needing to be surplus (E:17:21). Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2021:03.
Grant Management System Acquisition	Following staff and grantee review of three grant management systems the recommendation is for Verdant to contract with Fluxx for a three-year partnership at \$15,000 annually. The cost will be offset by the cancelled subscription to Microsoft Dynamics that cost \$14,880 annually. There will be a potential \$5,000 customization/implementation fee. (E:18:21)
Program Committee Update	The Program Committee met on March 11, 2021 to review the applications for funding received during the Q1 application window.
Conflicts of Interest	Secretary Distelhorst reported a perceived conflict of interest with City of Edmonds, however this request was part of the Superintendent's Discretionary Fund and did not require commissioner approval
Grant Modification	South County Fire grant modification to roll over \$18,830 from 2020 to 2021 and adjust outcomes to reflect community COVID vaccination efforts (E:19:21). Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.
Superintendent's Discretionary Funds	Ms. Reese presented newly funded contracts (E:19:21): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Center for Human Services, air purifiers to support in person care, 3/1/21-12/31/21, \$1,920• City of Edmonds LEAP project, 1/1/21-2/28/21, \$30,000

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- Foundation for Edmonds School District, Pandemic Response Meals for ESD, 3/1/21-6/30/21, \$54,325
- LETI, Family Support for COVID Vaccination, 3/1/21-12/31/21, \$48,160
- Helping Hands Project Organization, Rapid Assistance Program, 3/1/21-4/30/21, \$76,650
- Washington Kids in Transition, Homelessness Prevention, 3/1/21-12/31/21, \$50,000

Grant Applications for Funding

Ms. Reese then presented the multi-year health program or project applications for full board review and approval (E:19:21).

The application for funding for Pacific Treatment Alternatives was discussed and all concerns were addressed ((E:20:21). **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$141,606** for one year for Pacific Treatment Alternatives, Syringe Services Program.

The application for funding for Kindering was discussed and concerns about funding amount was addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$150,000** for one year for Kindering, Early Intervention Program.

The application for funding for Lahai Health was discussed and concerns about funding amount was addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$110,293** for three months of funding April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021 for Lahai Health Dental Clinic.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$328,484 for one year for the ChildStrive Early Intervention and Parents as Teachers program.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$105,000 for one year for the Cocoon House Host Home and Family Reunification Pilot.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$27,000 for one year for the Compass Health Emergency Motel Voucher Program.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$10,000 for one year for the Interfaith Family Shelter for homeless prevention.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$60,000 for one year for the Korean Women's Association for Everyday Prevention.

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Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$150,000 for one year for the Millenia Ministries Mobile Manna/Moving from Surviving to Thriving.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$50,000 for one year for the Snohomish County Legal Services Housing Justice Project.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$30,000 for one year for the YWCA Emergency Shelter program.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$62,645 for one year for the YWCA Healthcare Access program.

Ms. Reese talked about the programs that did not get funded and explained that some applications were not recommended because they were incomplete, capital requests, or not fully discovered. Ms. Reese informed commissioners of a brief survey that will be sent to their Verdant email on March 25 to gain feedback on this funding cycle process.

COVID Testing and Vaccine Partnerships

Ms. Reese reported there are plans to open another mass vaccination site at the park and ride in Lynnwood. The mass vaccination site (SVNA, Edmonds College) YTD has done 12,192 vaccinations. Adult Family Home vaccinations YTD total 94 facilities visited and nearly 1,500 vaccinations given. MTI testing YTD, 221 tested and 5 positive cases (E:19:21).

Verdant Program and Marketing Highlights

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

Public Comments

Mr. Carl Zapora of Edmonds thanked Verdant for the work being done at the Edmonds College COVID testing site.

Mr. Pat Shields from the Edmonds Food Bank stated that the food bank is looking for a new building as the Methodist Church will be opening in September for full services. Mr. Shields extended an invitation to Verdant Commissioners to tour the food bank.

Commissioner Comments

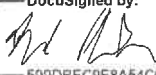
Commissioners thanked the Program Committee and Verdant staff for all the work that has been done for the Q1 grant process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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