

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Meeting
via Zoom
June 23, 2021**

Commissioners Present	Bob Knowles, President (via Zoom; 9:28 a.m. departure) Dr. Jim Distelhorst, Secretary (via Zoom) Deana Knutsen, Commissioner (via Zoom) Fred Langer, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Commissioners Excused	Karianna Wilson, Commissioner
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	Daniel Johnson, Edmonds Waterfront Center (via Zoom) Michelle Reitan, Edmonds Waterfront Center (via Zoom) Steve Corsi, Volunteers of America Western Washington (via Zoom) Dave Jordan, Volunteers of America Western Washington (via Zoom) Cory Armstrong-Hoss, Volunteers of America Western Washington (via Zoom) Members of the Community
Call to Order	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 8:00 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 May 26, 2021. (E:35:21)
Community Presentation	Dr. Edwards introduced Mr. Johnson, CEO and Ms. Reitan, Director of Health and Wellness from the Edmonds Waterfront Center. Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the history and transformation of the Edmonds Waterfront Center. Mr. Johnson's presentation highlighted the vision for the Edmonds Waterfront Center and that it will be a place for people of all ages and include

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intergenerational programs. Mr. Johnson reported the Center is testing a Community Café model for a Senior Lunch Program, finishing up its capital campaign and leveraging capacity in the Edmonds Waterfront Center Health and Wellness Center. Ms. Reitan shared how the Edmonds Waterfront Center is committed to expanding the health and wellness programs in response to community needs focusing on the senior population. Ms. Reitan expressed the importance of stabilizing declining health and addressed other issues faced by seniors such as social isolation, depression, food insecurity and lack of access to health services. (E:36:21)

**Community
Presentation**

Dr. Edwards introduced Mr. Corsi, President/CEO, David Jordan, Project Manager and Cory Armstrong-Hoss, Director of Communications and Marketing from Volunteers of America Western Washington.

Mr. Corsi gave a presentation and virtual tour of the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center that is in the planning and pre-construction stages. The focus at the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center will be children, families and community in partnership with local organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club, VOA ECEAP Preschool, Center for Human Services, MTI, LETI, Korean Community Service Center, and the space will house the VOA Community Resource Center. Some of these organizations may utilize office space and will pay less than market-based rate. Mr. Corsi's presentation provided a list of amenities and a sample of programs and classes. The Lynnwood Neighborhood Center project is supported by lead donors Rick Steves, Trinity Lutheran Church, the State of Washington and Premera. This project is currently funded to approximately half of the \$20 million budget. Mr. Jordan reported that future funding may come from tax credits, government and foundation funding and a local community campaign. Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 2023. (E:37:21)

**Superintendent
Report**

Dr. Edwards reported that this past month the Verdant team has transitioned to in-person operations and all staff are working in the building at least three days a week. The building is now being utilized by Veteran's Assistance, Prescription Drug Assistance and ChildStrive. Verdant will begin offering outdoor and in-person events in July and August with eight dates for South County Walks and three Meet Me at the Park events. In the next two weeks the team will begin promoting a series of Fall 2021 hybrid classes that will have a limited number of people participating in person at the Verdant Community Wellness Center and all other participants will access classes online.

Dr. Edwards reported that the Verdant team let an RFQ for the CHART leadership program. So far a couple of agencies have

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expressed interest in applying for funding to support the continuation of the program. A CHART leadership meeting is scheduled for June 24th with partner agencies to discuss the RFQ process.

Dr. Edwards announced that on June 16th Verdant let a second RFQ, this one for a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant. There were 8 consultants identified who were contacted to apply and Verdant will let a press release as well. Commissioners Knutsen and Distelhorst have agreed to participate in the proposal review process.

Dr. Edwards and Commissioner Distelhorst attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Evergreen sports complex and playfields in Mountlake Terrace.

Dr. Edwards also thanked the Verdant team for a successful Q2 grantmaking process.

**Executive
Committee
Report**

President Knowles reported that the Executive Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 to review the agenda for the June 23, 2021 board meeting. No action was taken.

**Finance
Committee
Report**

The Finance Committee met on June 8, 2021. Ms. Keuser reviewed the financial statement and cash activity for May 2021 and noted anything over \$5,000 in payment from the warrants. (E:38:21)

**Authorization for
Payment of
Voucher and
Payroll**

Authorization for payment of vouchers and payroll: Warrant numbers 14852 through 14908 for May 2021 for payment in the amount of \$118,898.58 were presented for approval by Commissioner Langer. (E:39:21) ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.***

**YTD Expenses for
May 2021**

Ms. Keuser presented pie chart representing YTD expenses as of May 2021. Commissioner Langer and President Knowles requested that Ms. Keuser adjust the pie chart to reflect real dollars and to do a comparison with other organizations to find a standard to better reflect what Verdant is doing with public funds. (E:40:21)

**Program
Committee
Update**

Commissioner Knutsen reported that the Program Committee met on June 10, 2021.

**Conflicts of
Interest**

No conflicts of interest reported.

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**Approval of Q2
Grant
Applications**

Ms. Reese presented the multi-year health program or project applications for full board review and approval. All recommendations brought forward by Program Committee for funding include the expectation that contracts will be done on an annual basis with up to 2 years of renewal based on successful performance and continued demonstration of community need. (E:41:21)

The application for funding renewal for Cascade Bicycle Club was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$50,000** for Cascade Bicycle Club Project Let's Go Edmonds for one year.

The application for funding renewal for Center for Human Services was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$350,000** for Center for Human Services Youth Counseling Program for one year.

The application for funding renewal for Compass Health was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$151,627** for Compass Health Community Transitions Program for one year.

The application for funding for Edmonds College Foundation was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$170,550** for Edmonds College Foundation CRC Mental Health Expansion for one year.

The application for funding renewal for Edmonds School District was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$180,000** for Edmonds School District Family Resource Advocates for one year.

The application for funding of Evergreen Recovery Center was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$354,400** for Evergreen Recovery Center Bi-directional Substance Use Treatment Program for one year.

The application for funding renewal of Lahai Health's Dental Program was discussed and all concerns addressed. **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$380,000** for Lahai Health Dental Program for one year.

The application for funding renewal for Lahai Health's Mental Health Program was discussed and all concerns addressed.

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Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$79,600 for Lahai Health Mental Program for one year.

The application for funding for LETI was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$88,800*** for LETI Promotora Program for one year.

The application for funding renewal for Project Access NW was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$175,000*** for Project Access NW Specialty Care Coordination for one year.

The application for funding for Project Girl was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$157,660*** for Project Girl Mentoring Program for six months.

The application for funding renewal for Therapeutic Health Services was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$186,149*** for Therapeutic Health Services Integrated Cognitive Therapy for one year.

The application for funding for UW Bothell was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$112,760*** for Behavioral Health Peer Advocate Training for one year.

The application for funding for Washington Kids in Transition was discussed and all concerns addressed. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve \$125,000*** for Washington Kids in Transition Distribution Center and Expanded Programming for one year.

Verdant gave feedback to all organizations not funded to promote future successful grant applications. Q2 grant applications not funded as requested:

Brain Injury Alliance of WA
Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
Helping Hands Project Organization
Hope Creek Charitable Foundation
UW Medicine
Washington Family Engagement
YMCA

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**Review of 2021
and 2022 Budget
Forecasting**

Ms. Reese presented the program payout schedule as of May 2021 and an overview of funding commitments by year and priority area for 2021 and 2022. (E:42:21)

**Verdant Program
and Marketing
Highlights**

See exhibit (E:43:21) for updates on program staff and marketing highlights.

Public Comments

Mr. Tony Bollen from Lahai Health thanked Verdant and Ms. Reese on behalf of Lahai Executive Director Dave Eller and himself for the grant approval for their mental health and dental programs.

**Commissioner
Comments**

Commissioner Langer commented on the large amount of program funds for Q2 and gave kudos to the Program Committee.

Commissioner Knutsen thanked the staff and Commissioner Distelhorst for filling in on the Q2 grantmaking process on behalf of Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Distelhorst commented that he was indeed "enlightened" to find out how much work goes into the grantmaking process.

Adjournment

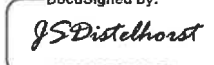
The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. by Secretary Distelhorst.

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