

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
November 13, 2024
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Commissioners Present** Karianna Wilson, President
Carolyn Brennan, Secretary
Jim Distelhorst, MD, Commissioner
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner
Bob Knowles, Commissioner
- Staff** Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent
Riene Simpson, CPA, Director of Finance
Ceil Erickson, Director of Community Impact
Chase Toscano, Contracts Manager
Kyla Morgan, Executive Assistant/Office Manager
Humaira Barlas, Fiscal Specialist
Nancy Budd, Community Social Work
- Visitors** Nelly Romero, LETI
Tom Laing, LETI
- Call to Order** The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Wilson.
- Land and Enslaved People's Acknowledgement** President Wilson read the acknowledgement.
- Discussion: Review of 2025 Funding Cycle Applications** Before proceeding with the discussion, Commissioner Brennan shared that she submitted a conflict of interest form to Verdant the previous week. Commissioner Brennan declared she is employed by the University of Washington and while the university partners with many community organizations, she is not involved in the decision making or payment on behalf of her employer.
- Ms. Erickson provided an overview of this funding cycle. Verdant received 60 applications and 58 moved forward for commissioner review. The total request for funding amounted to \$10,012,020.00. The budget for 2025 funding is \$6million. The outcomes from the three special meetings for Mental Health, Healthcare Access, and Food Security informed today's discussions. Applications where Commissioners wanted further discussion will be reviewed tonight.

The decisions from tonight’s special meeting will be on the agenda for final approval at the Regular Board meeting on November 20, 2024.

**2025
Community
Investment
Recommendations**

Mr. Toscano compiled an excel spreadsheet (E:78:24) with the following community investment recommendations from commissioners.

<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Mental Health	Partial Fund	ACCESS Project	\$67,000.00
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County	\$100,000.00
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Center for Human Services	\$350,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Child Advocacy Center of Snohomish County	\$50,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	City of Lynnwood	\$177,500.00
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$105,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees	\$25,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County	\$189,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County dba Sound Pathways/Pacific Treatment Alternatives	\$125,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Edmonds School District	\$736,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Evergreen Recovery Services	\$148,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Korean Community Service Center	\$80,000.00

Mental Health	Partially Fund	Nami Snohomish and Island County	\$20,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Northwest Neighbors Network	\$25,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Pacific Northwest Veteran Assistance Program	\$5,000.00
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Parent Trust for Washington Children	\$33,568.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Program for Early Parent Support	\$35,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Project Girl Mentoring Program	\$83,712.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Support 7	\$34,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Clearwater School Well Being Center	\$80,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Hand Up Project dba Advocates Recovery Services	\$155,000.00
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Washington West African Center Formally GTP	\$45,000.00
Mental Health	Decline	Cancer Lifeline	\$0.00
Mental Health	Decline	ChildStrive	\$0.00
Mental Health	Decline	Communities of Color Coalition	\$0.00
Mental Health	Decline	Deconstructing the Mental Health System Inc	\$0.00
Mental Health	Decline	Inside Health Institute	\$0.00
Mental Health	Decline	Participatory Justice (Scholar Fund)	\$0.00

<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Medical Teams International	\$140,616.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Oceania Northwest	\$10,000.00
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Lahai Health	\$698,000.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Jean Kim Foundation	\$284,000.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Edmonds Senior Center	\$125,570.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation	\$50,000.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Korean Women's Association (KWA)	\$100,000.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Project Access NW	\$90,000.00
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	ChildStrive	\$175,000.00
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	South County Fire	\$498,220.00
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Edmonds School District	\$80,253.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	St. Pius x Church	\$10,000.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	YWCA Seattle, King, Snohomish	\$55,000.00
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$120,750.00
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Latino Educational Training Institute	\$120,000.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	American Heart Association, Puget Sound	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	Cornerstone Medical Services Foundation	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	Essentials First (formerly Kits for Peace)	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	Kindering	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	UTSAV	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	Washington Poison Center	\$0.00

Healthcare Access	Decline	Wonderland Child & Family Services	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Decline	YMCA of Greater Seattle	\$0.00

<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Food Security	Fully Fund	Concern for Neighbors Food Bank	\$35,000.00
Food Security	Partially Fund	Edmonds Food Bank	\$158,711.00
Food Security	Partially Fund	Foundation for Edmonds School District	\$140,000.00
Food Security	Partially Fund	Homage dba Senior Services of Snohomish County	\$214,000.00
Food Security	Fully Fund	Lynnwood Food Bank	\$96,100.00
Food Security	Fully Fund	Millennia Ministries	\$130,000.00
Food Security	Decline	Helping Hands Project Organization	\$0.00

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Distelhorst asked Dr. Edwards for a quick update on the properties.

- **Kruger Clinic:** Dr. Edwards met with the attorneys who provided her with guidance to negotiate the 22 pending change orders. Dr. Edwards is meeting with Axiom on Friday morning to start negotiating the COPs. The project manager has concerns about impending change orders and Verdant incurring the cost for subcontractor mismanagement.
- **Value Village:** Dr. Edwards is meeting with Restorical Research on Thursday at the Value Village property to ensure they can still make a claim for cleanup if they demolish the building.
- **Hospital Study:** A high level written summary will be prepared for commissioners before the December 4th strategic planning meeting. On December 18th there will be a one-hour executive session.

Commissioners reflected on the pros and cons of the first annual funding cycle. Verdant is still deliberating the best strategic direction for 2026 and commissioners will continue the conversation at the strategic planning meeting on December 4, 2024.

Executive Session

President Wilson closed the meeting for executive session to begin at 6:30 pm and will continue through 7:00 pm. This executive session is to review the legal risks of a proposed action of the District.

Executive session began at 6:30 am.

Executive session was extended 10-minutes to 7:10 pm.

Executive session was extended 10-minutes to 7:20 pm.

Executive session ended at 7:21 pm


Open Session

President Wilson reopened the public meeting at 7:21 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. by President Wilson.

ATTEST BY:

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President

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Secretary