

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 29, 2024**

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

**Commissioners  
Present**

Carolyn Brennan, Secretary  
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner  
Jim Distelhorst, MD, Commissioner  
Bob Knowles, Commissioner – Excused Absence  
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  
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker

**Visitors**

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 23 healthcare access applications the District received. She emphasized the need to recognize and manage personal biases during the review process. The goal of the meeting was to recommend either funding, no funding, or partial funding 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.

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:76:24). The Board reviewed the merits of the following applicants:

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**APPLICATION DISCUSSION:**

MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL: Requested \$140,616.00.

CORNERSTONE MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION:  
Requested \$66,100.00.

OCEANIA NORTHWEST: Requested \$100,000.00.

LAHAI HEALTH: Requested \$698,000.00.

JEAN KIM FOUNDATION: Requested \$324,629.00.

EDMONDS SENIOR CENTER: Requested \$150,000.00.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION: Requested  
\$52,106.00.

KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (KWA): Requested  
\$160,100.00.

KINDERING: Requested \$75,000.00.

PROJECT ACCESS NW: Requested \$150,000.00.

CHILDSTRIVE: Requested \$200,00.00.

SOUTH COUNTY FIRE: Requested \$498,220.00.

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Requested \$80,253.00.

YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE: Requested \$100,000.00.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH: Requested \$50,000.00.

YWCA SEATTLE, KING, SNOHOMISH: Requested \$92,497.00.

WONDERLAND CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES: Requested  
\$299,694.00.

UTSAV: Requested \$150,000.00

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY:  
Requested \$120,750.00.

WASHINGTON POISON CENTER: Requested \$27,216.00.

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ESSENTIALS FIRST: Requested \$150,000.00.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, PUGET SOUND: Requested \$54,791.00.

LATINO EDUCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: Requested \$235,023.00.

Commissioner Brennan declined commenting on LETI due to conflict of interest since LETI is a partner with her employer, UW Bothell.

**Commissioner  
Comments**

Ms. Erickson reminded Commissioners that the next round of applications for review address the priority: Food Security. The review deadline for commissioners is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reviewed applications will be discussed at the Special Board Meeting on November 6, 2024.

Commissioner Distelhorst suggested that for next year’s funding cycle, Verdant communicate to partners that they only need to tell their story once in the application and to be prepared to provide more detailed breakdowns of their budget.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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