

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

**Hybrid: In-Person at The Lodge at St. Edwards Park and via Zoom
September 8, 2024
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners
Present**

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

Staff

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent

Guests

Margot Helphand, Facilitator

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Wilson.

**Confirm Retreat
Goals**

- The Fall retreat is taking place at a critical time for Verdant and in an ever-changing healthcare environment. This retreat is an opportunity to create a shared long-term vision of the impact Verdant wants to have in the community and how it will operate to stay focused on this vision.
- Confirm role and function of committees.
- Clarify Superintendent’s discretionary fund policy for 2025.
- Clarify policy regarding funding outside of annual cycle.

Our Vision of Our Future Impact

**Create Consensus
Description of
Verdant’s Role in
the Next 14 years**

Planning for the future: The commissioners drafted a 2025-2028 strategic plan for maximizing community impact and improving health care outcomes residents of South Snohomish County.

Public Hospital District #2, doing business as Verdant Health Commission, is recognized as a leader of community health services. We are a unique public-private partnership that:

- Ensures acute care services for residents of South Snohomish County
- Invests in programs that enhance the overall health of our community through partnerships.

To achieve its mission the commission has continuously evaluated its approach to doing business and evolved its

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business model based on community needs and assets. The following the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan was designed to align Verdant resources and activities to effectively achieve our mission.

By 2028 we will have:

- Defined specific, focused multi-year goals within our priorities with measurable outcomes.
- Moved from direct services to contracts that empower community partners who are better equipped to deliver those services to residents of South Snohomish County
- Invested in multi-year health projects with partners through an RFP process.
- Documented and measured the positive results of our investments and reported that to the community on a regular basis through media channels. We will have consistent impact stories that describe our work in the community.
- Diversified sources of funding to support the ongoing need of our medical facilities.

Committee Structure

Commissioners agree the current committee structure is working well. The committee meetings are important to maintain the meeting schedule.

Communication Requests for Information

Requests for information go to the Superintendent. Staff will ask clarifying questions to better understand the level of priority for the request. When the board is sent read ahead materials, they need high-level insights for comprehensive materials.

Superintendent's Discretionary Fund

The Superintendent's Discretionary Fund will be capped at \$100,000 for 2025. Awards will not exceed \$25,000 per organization for the year. Funds will not be used to operationalize community partners. The policy will be updated to bring to Program Committee to make sure that we covered the changes that commissioners requested.


Funding Outside of Annual Cycle

Funding outside of the annual cycle will not be supported for 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by President Wilson.

ATTEST BY:

Signed by:

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President

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Signed by:
Carolyn Brennan
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Secretary