

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting**

**Hybrid: In-Person at Cascadia Art Museum and via Zoom**

**December 4, 2024**

**4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners  
Present**

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

**Staff**

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent

**Guests**

Margot Helphand, Board Facilitator  
Howard Thomas, HT Consulting  
Kara Turner, Turner HR Services

**Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by President Wilson.

**Meeting Purpose**

To review and affirm mission and objectives.

**Mission and  
Objectives**

Commissioners affirmed the following:

**OUR MISSION**

To Improve the Health and Well-being of our Whole Community  
To accomplish our mission, Public Hospital District #2, dba Verdant Health Commission, is recognized as a leader of community health services. We are a unique public-private partnership that:

- Ensures a full range of hospital acute and outpatient services for residents of South Snohomish County
- Invests in programs that enhance the overall health of our community through partnerships
- Convenes partners and the community to facilitate communication and collaboration.

**OUR OBJECTIVES**

The 2025-2028 Strategic Plan was designed to align Verdant resources and activities to effectively achieve our mission.

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By 2028 we will have:

- Identified emerging needs in the community in the areas of access to healthcare, mental health and food security
- Refined Verdant's existing priorities in and establish measurable outcomes.
- Identified community-focused programs and services that address Verdant's priorities
- Determined the most appropriate funding mechanism to support programs/services that address Verdant's priorities e.g. RFP process or a contract
- Moved from direct services to contracts that empower community partners who are better equipped to deliver those services to our residents
- Documented and measured the positive results of our investments

**Commissioner  
Comments**

Commissioners will meet again to finalize the operational details of the 2025-2028 strategic plan on January 21, 2025, from 5 to 8 PM.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. by President Wilson.

**ATTEST BY:**

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President

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Secretary