

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

**Hybrid: In-Person at Verdant Community Wellness Center and via Zoom
November 20, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 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
David Lee, Digital Marketing and Communication Manager

Visitors Ryan Nguyen, Edmonds College
Talin Olsen, Edmonds College
Lisa Neumann, Director of the Center for Families, Edmonds College
Charles Thompson, Associate Dean, Edmonds College
Lahai Health

Call to Order The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 11:01 p.m. by President Wilson.

Land and Enslaved People's Acknowledgement President Wilson read the acknowledgement.

Consent Agenda *Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to approve all items included on the consent agenda, Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion passed.*

Consent Agenda (E:79:24)

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. October 23, 2024, Board Meeting
 - b. October 29, 2024, Special Board Meeting
 - c. November 6, 2024, Special Board Meeting

- d. November 13, 2024, Special Board Meeting
2. Superintendent Discretionary Fund Requests
 - a. Washington Kids in Transition - \$10,000

**Public
Comment**

- Ms. Lisa Neumann, Dean of Student Support at Edmonds College: On behalf of Edmonds College, Ms. Neumann spoke of some of the support that Verdant has provided. Food insecurity, housing instability, and unmet basic needs can become barriers to their students' studies, creating enormous stress and derailing their career goals. The food pantry allows them to focus on their studies rather than worrying about their next meal as well as housing and mental health support. Verdant's funding ensures students can focus on their education without having to worry about their immediate survival. It Empowers students to complete their studies and thrive in their lives. Ms. Neumann thanked Verdant for their partnership and introduce Mr. Olsen, an Edmonds College Student who has benefited from Verdant's sponsored programs.
- Mr. Talin Olsen, Student at Edmonds College: Mr. Olsen shared his testimony going through the Edmonds College EdCAP program to receive his GED and associates degree. Mr. Olsen lives in a van with his family after falling through the cracks with YWCA. He shared that the food pantry at Edmonds College plays a major part in why his family does not go hungry and stay fed throughout the month. Without the pantry, both him and his brother would have had to pause their education to work full time. Additionally, he noted that the campus clothing and laundry help them keep their clothes clean and not smelling or looking unhoused.
- Mr. Charlie Thompson, Associate Dean at Edmonds College: Mr. Thompson thanked Verdant for placing a 211 community navigator in an Edmonds College building. He shared that the college raises as much money as they can to help student pay for housing, but there is not enough to go around. The 211 Community Resource Advocate is a great community resource and has been a significant asset for their students.

**Executive
Committee
Report**

The Executive committee met last week to review the agenda for this meeting and the Strategic Collaboration Committee that happens quarterly. No action was taken.

**Superintendent
Report**

Dr. Edwards acknowledged and thanked the community impact team for managing the 2025 investment cycle – Ms. Erickson, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Toscano. As well as Ms. Morgan for navigating weekly board meetings for seven weeks.
The Strategic Collaboration Committee meeting minutes and slides from the November meeting have been shared with all

Commissioners. The 2025 board meeting calendar will be sent to Commissioners for preliminary review.

Verdant is receiving a proposal from Restorical Research to potentially recoup costs for the demolition and remediation of the contamination of the Value Village building.

Dr. Edwards extended her gratitude to the Finance Team for navigating the confluence of facility projects, budget, and funding over October and November. Ms. Simpson has created a well-oiled machine that improves each year.

Finally, the rest of the team is working on read ahead for Commissioners for the strategic planning retreat in December.

**Program
Committee
Report**

Ms. Erickson presented a list of applications that need to be approved for the 2025 funding cycle (E:80:24).

**1.2025
Community
Investments**

<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Mental Health	Partial Fund	ACCESS Project	\$67,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County	\$100,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Center for Human Services	\$350,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Child Advocacy Center of Snohomish County	\$50,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

Mental Health	Partially Fund	City of Lynnwood	\$177,500.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$105,000.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees	\$25,000.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County	\$189,000.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County dba Sound Pathways/Pacific Treatment Alternatives	\$125,000.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Edmonds School District	\$736,000.00
Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			

Mental Health	Partially Fund	Evergreen Recovery Services	\$148,000.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</p>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Korean Community Service Center	\$80,000.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</p>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Nami Snohomish and Island County	\$20,000.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</p>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Northwest Neighbors Network	\$25,000.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion Passed.</p>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Pacific Northwest Veteran Assistance Program	\$5,000.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</p>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Parent Trust for Washington Children	\$33,568.00
<p>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to</p>			

<i>the full board, Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Program for Early Parent Support	\$35,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Project Girl Mentoring Program	\$83,712.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Support 7	\$34,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Clearwater School Well Being Center	\$80,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Hand Up Project dba Advocates Recovery Services	\$155,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Washington West African Center Formally GTP	\$45,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

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Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Medical Teams International	\$140,616.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Oceania Northwest	\$10,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Lahai Health	\$698,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Jean Kim Foundation	\$284,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Edmonds Senior Center	\$125,570.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation	\$50,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Korean Women's Association (KWA)	\$100,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request			

to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Project Access NW	\$90,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	ChildStrive	\$175,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	South County Fire	\$498,220.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Edmonds School District	\$80,253.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	St. Pius x Church	\$10,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	YWCA Seattle, King, Snohomish	\$55,000.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$120,750.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to			

<i>the full board, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Latino Educational Training Institute	\$120,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

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Food Security	Fully Fund	Concern for Neighbors Food Bank	\$35,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Partially Fund	Edmonds Food Bank	\$158,711.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Partially Fund	Foundation for Edmonds School District	\$140,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Partially Fund	Homage dba Senior Services of Snohomish County	\$214,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to partially fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Lynnwood Food Bank	\$96,100.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to</i>			

<i>the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Millennia Ministries	\$130,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to recommend approval to fully fund this request to the full board, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

Verdant’s 2025 funding cycle resulted in funding 41 community partners, awarding 43 contracts - totaling \$6million in funding for South Snohomish County.

Commissioners thanked staff for the work they put towards the annual funding cycle.

2. Community Health Networking Event Survey Results

Ms. Erickson presented a summary of the survey results for the Community Health Networking Event (E:81:24). Verdant received 56 responses from attendees, which is an increase in engagement during the event and after through the survey. The event was well-received, with attendees expressing appreciation and gratitude. Verdant plans to continue building relationships with funders and to expand the event next year to accommodate more community partners.

Finance Report

1. Review Financial Statements & Cash Activity

1. Ms. Simpson presented the financial reports for October 2024 (E:82:24), noting any transactions out of the ordinary, compared to prior month periods. The large installment of Levy payments came through on October 10th, replenishing the cash flow balance. The delays with the Langer refresh have delayed payments, which delayed the transfer from the reserve. Ms. Simpson anticipates the transfer will be postponed until early 2025.

2. Authorization of Warrants and Electronic Disbursements

2. Authorization for payment of vouchers and payroll: Warrants Reference A, No. 16651 through 16690, Warrants Reference B, No. J2723 through J2758, and no Warrants Reference C, for October in the amount of \$320,844.90 were presented for approval as well as electronic disbursements in the amount of \$1,454,630.04 for total disbursements of \$1,775,474.94 (E:83:24).

Motion was made by Commissioner Knutsen, seconded by Commissioner Distelhorst, and passed unanimously to approve the warrants & electronic disbursements.

**Public
Comments**

None.

**Commissioner
Comments**

Commissioner Knutsen thanked staff and commissioners for the work and the meetings that were accomplished in the last eight weeks.

Commissioner Brennan thanked everyone for the shifting given the weather incident and acknowledged the loss of life that was experienced close to the Verdant office and a sense of gratitude. Commissioner Wilson inquired about Verdant's Narcan distribution in the community and if it is a possibility to supplement with suboxone. Ms. Budd explained that suboxone is typically a medically assisted treatment, but some first responders such as South County Fire are able to start the treatment in the field. Verdant could work with partners to distribute suboxone that have physician oversight. Dr. Edwards suggested inviting a guest at the January board meeting to present more information about the emerging use of suboxone in the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 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