

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
January 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners
Present**

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

Staff

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent
Riene Simpson, CPA, Director of Finance
Leslie Silverman, Interim Director of Community Impact &
Grantmaking
Erin Boehm, Interim Grants Manager
Kaysi Caballero, Executive Assistant/Office Manager
Monika Star, Wellness Center Assistant
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker

Guests

Dave, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

**Land and
Enslaved People's
Acknowledgement**

President Distelhorst read the acknowledgement.

**Discussion:
Review of Spring
2023 Grant
Applications**

President Distelhorst reported that the Board is reviewing a handful of grant applicants at this special meeting which required additional discussion between all Commissioners.

Funding Applications Discussed (E:01:23):

1. Foundation for Edmonds School District: **Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$140,000.**
2. Lhai Health: **Commissioners agreed to fully fund for \$285,000.**
3. YMCA of Greater Seattle: **Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$73,000.**
4. YWCA Seattle, King, Snohomish: **Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$73,000.**

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5. Edmonds Center for the Arts: **Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$10,000 for the dementia portion of their program only.**
6. Korean Community Service Center: **Commissioners agreed to fully fund for \$164,000.**
7. Community Health Center of Snohomish County (CHC): **For now, Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$200,000 total with \$100,000 allocated to their dental program and \$100,000 allocated to the school-based health center.** The Board will await making its final recommendation until they see the external program budget at the end of tonight's meeting.
8. Chinese Service Center: **Commissioners agreed to decline funding and will encourage them to apply for funding via Superintendent's Discretionary as a smaller budget startup program.**
9. Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County: **Commissioners agreed to fully fund for \$161,522.**
10. WA West African Center: **Commissioners agreed to partially fund for \$115,000, same amount as last year.**
11. LETI: **Commissioners agreed to fully fund for \$68,722.50.**
12. Snohomish County Legal Services: **Commissioners agreed to decline funding and will encourage them to apply for funding via Superintendent's Discretionary with a more defined budget for mental health.**

Ms. Silverman presented the six grant applications which did not advance to Commissioner scoring due to missing or incomplete applications.

Dr. Edwards received clarity from our attorney that in order for Verdant to continue any of these current contracts, we would still have to decline their funding for this Spring 2023 grant cycle before setting up a continuation contract. Commissioners are supportive of continuing funding for grant applicants 1-3 below for an additional six-months.

1. **South County Fire** (current contract)
2. **Millenia Ministries** (current contract)
3. **Lynnwood Food Bank** (current contract)
4. Support 7 (previously Superintendent's Discretionary)
5. Cascadia Art Museum (new applicant)

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6. City of Edmonds Human Services (new applicant)

Summary of funding recommendations not discussed at tonight's meeting:

Applications Commissioners Agreed to Partially fund:

1. ChildStrive (76% of request)
2. LETI (91% of request)
3. Kindering (21% of request)
4. UTSAV (65% of request)
5. Project Access NW (67% of request)
6. Helping Hands (42% of request)
7. Homage (50% of request)
8. Wonderland (50% of request)
9. Compass Health (42% of request)

Applications Commissioners Agreed to Fully fund:

1. Edmonds Food Bank
2. Edmonds School District
3. Edmonds Senior Center
4. Medical Teams International
5. Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation
6. Center for Human Services
7. Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County
8. Edmonds School District
9. Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
10. Edmonds College Foundation
11. Parent Trust for WA Children
12. Project Girl

**Commissioner
Comments**

President Distelhorst commented that the Board is not planning to discuss these grant applications at its regular meeting tomorrow 1/25/23 at 8:00am but will discuss further at its special meeting on Monday 1/30/23 where they will be making final funding decisions.

Adjournment

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

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President

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Secretary