

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

August 21, 2023

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present Jim Distelhorst, MD, President
Karianna Wilson, Commissioner
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner
Carolyn Brennan, Commissioner

Commissioners Excused Bob Knowles, Commissioner

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

Guests Jan Culp
Lahai Health
Sandra Mears
Sonny
Ashley Dawson

Call to Order The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

He added that because this is a special meeting, there will not be a public comment. If a member of the public would like to make a comment, they are invited to attend the regular public meeting this Wednesday, 8/23/23 at 8:00am.

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

Discussion: Review of Fall 2023 Grant Applications Ms. Silverman walked attendees through the internal process involved in reviewing and scoring the Fall 2023 grant applications. The decisions from tonight's special meeting will be on the consent

agenda for final approval at the regular Board meeting on 8/23/23.

She walked Commissioners through a reminder about biases and conducting an impartial review. Commissioners were required to score applications based on a scoring rubric that was approved and posted earlier this year.

Fall 2023 Grant Award Decisions

The outcomes from the committee review structure are rolled forward to today's meeting. Applications where there was no consensus or Commissioners wanted to discuss with each other will be reviewed tonight.

Priority Area	Status	Organization	Amount Awarded
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Edmonds Senior Center	\$103,560
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Lahai Health	\$395,000
Food Security	Fully Fund	Lynnwood Food Bank	\$80,200
Food Security	Fully Fund	Edmonds School District - Family Resource Advocate	\$340,000
Food Security	Fully Fund	Edmonds College Foundation	\$73,500
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Center for Human Services	\$350,000
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Cancer Lifeline	\$15,000
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Support 7	\$47,962
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	South County Fire	\$498,220
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Communities of Color Coalition	\$150,000
Mental Health	Fully Fund	NAMI Snohomish County	\$16,700
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$208,000
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Homage	\$185,000
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Hand Up Project	\$180,000
Mental Health	Partially Fund	The Clearwater School	\$50,000
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	American Heart Association	\$0
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	Puget Sound Kidney Centers Foundation	\$0

Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	Cornerstone Medical Services Foundation	\$0
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	End of Life Washington	\$0
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Cascadia Art Museum	\$0
Healthcare Access	Incomplete Application	Beck's Place	\$0
Food Security	Incomplete Application	Hope Creek Charitable Foundation	\$0
Healthcare Access	Incomplete Application	Northwest Neighbors Network	\$0
Mental Health	Incomplete Application	Helping Hands Project	\$0
Mental Health	Incomplete Application	Deconstructing the Mental Health Systems	\$0

There were seven applications that required additional discussion between Commissioners.

1. Association for Collective Community Engagement on Safety & Security:
Commissioner Knutsen moved to decline funding, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion passed. Upon declining funding, Verdant staff will reach out to encourage them to apply for future funding.
2. ChildStrive:
Commissioner Wilson moved to partially fund for \$200,000, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion passed.
3. Edmonds School District (Move60):
Commissioner Wilson moved to decline funding, Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion failed. This application will move forward to be discussed with the full Board at the regular meeting on 8/23/23.
4. Jean Kim Foundation:
Commissioner Wilson moved to fully fund, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion passed.
5. Millenia Ministries:
Commissioner Brennan moved to fully fund, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion passed.
6. Snohomish County Legal Services:
Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to decline funding, Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion passed. Upon declining funding, Verdant staff will reach out to encourage them to apply for future funding.
7. Mental Health Matters:
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to fully fund, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion passed. Commissioner Brennan abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

This program will be funded with the stipulation that the contract addresses programmatic work and a budget that supports the training of peer navigators and not community events and roundtables.

Commissioners will discuss the Superintendent's Discretionary fund at the 8/23/23 Board meeting.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Wilson suggested for the next cycle to provide Commissioners with the summary table of applications, commissioner comments, scores so they can more easily follow along.

Commissioners Knutsen and Brennan welcomed new Director of Community Impact Ceil Erickson

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

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President

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