

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting – Verdant Partner Roundtable

Hybrid: In-Person at Verdant Community Wellness Center and via Zoom

October 11, 2022

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Commissioners
Present**

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

Staff

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent
Leslie Silverman, Interim Director of Community Impact & Grantmaking
Maggie Konstanski, Grants Manager
Riene Simpson, CPA, Director of Finance
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker
Kirk Mathis, Digital Marketing & Communications Manager
Kaysi Kelly, Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Guests

Alissa Jones	Vivan
Marni Port	Kristi Myers
Rahel Schwartz	Kim Gerdes
Deborah Brandi	Michelle Burke
Nancy LaJambe	Chris McBride
Arun Sharma	Paula Thomas
Leonard Jackson Jr.	Chanda Moellenberg
Van Dinh Kuno	Amit Singh
Jane	Argelia Grassfield
Shawneri Guzman	Debbie Graham
Shannon Smith	Zsofia
Rebecca Miner	Jacque Julien
Annika Sahota	Stephen C.
Jim Kee	Lise Wolch
Jordan Whitley	Janelle Lewis
Jane Pak	Joomi
Nelia Vilorio	Casey Davis
Caroline Porlier	Mindy Woods
Rich Robinson	Sally Guzman
Leilani Miller	Kim Gorney
Suzy Chandler	Mary Clive-Stively
Jenni McClougham	Kathy Harvey
Michelle Rata	Nikki Stevenson
Steve Woodard	Daniel Johnson
Marisol Bejarano	David Eller
Rod Schutt	Bopenk Hoy
Mara Bianco	Tamana Frotan
Liz Flores-Marcus	

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Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

Land and Enslaved People's Acknowledgement

President Distelhorst read the acknowledgement.

Introducing Strategic Priorities for 2023-2024

Dr. Lisa Edwards began by reviewing the agenda for today's special meeting, the Verdant Partner Roundtable (E:98:22) and walked attendees through the recent strategic plan that Verdant Commissioners have adopted for 2023-2024 (E:99:22).

Key Changes to Funding Guidelines & Cycles

Ms. Silverman outlined key changes to the grant application and funding cycles starting with the next application cycle opening on 11/1/22.

Successes and Learnings (open mic sharing)

As part of this quarter's Verdant Partner Roundtable, attendees were invited to share a success or a learning experience by answering one of three prompts, if desired.

1. What was an unexpected success or accomplishment for your organization?
2. Share an innovation for your program or organization that came out of the pandemic.
3. What was a 'win-win' collaboration with another organization and why?

Annika Sahota: Talked about the Mental Health Matters program that was started at University of Washington Bothell.

Shawneri Guzman: Talked about their partnerships that came about for South County Fire.

Casey Davis: Talked about the Community Engagement Center for Edmonds Food Bank and a community survey beginning on 10/27/22.

Mindy Woods: Talked about the \$100,000 in funding received, which is \$2,500 per household, for Edmonds Human Services.

Alissa Jones: Talked about the need for the Lynnwood Food Bank doubling during COVID and how these numbers are not going down. Talked about their new partnership with American Heart Association.

Liz Flores-Marcus: Shared Wonderland's collaboration with Homeward House and First Legal Clinic which serves parents in recovery from addiction.

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Suzy: Discussed doubling the numbers of volunteers during the pandemic, to help seniors age in their home with the Northwest Neighbors Network.

Michelle: Talked about an ad they ran in the newspaper to recruit lunch delivery for seniors of the Edmonds Waterfront Center.

Marni: Shared the virtual community wellness meetings brought about from the pandemic which help support their Parent Trust clients.

Joomi: Talked about their collaboration with the Edmonds Food Bank to distribute food for Korean families, and a successful 6-week seminar in Spring and Fall.

Steve: Reported on the upcoming opening of the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center which will be a gathering space for residents, housing for non-profits to work, event space, and classrooms for rent.

Rod Schutt: Talked about how he now has office hours at the Edmonds Waterfront Center two days a week to assist people in getting access to their prescription medication.

Van Kuno: Shared her work and when Washington D.C. asked our area to become a haven for Afghan refugees and she had to come up with a solution to welcome these individuals in need. In the period of February 10-17, 2022 they accepted 117 Afghan refugees. As of 10/11/22, all of these families now have jobs, except for two. All of the mothers have signed up for English as Second Language courses for their kids in school.

Jane: Talked about their program of providing free legal aid to low-income residents.

Sally Guzman: Discussed the school district's ability to leverage all sorts of community resources, and coming together with many other groups to assist families in the Edmonds School District.

Kim: Talked about the diaper bank grant which serves 150 families of kids under 5 years old for Washington Kids in Transition.

Nancy LaJambe: Provided information on their Host Homes program which provides temporary housing for kids ages 12-17 and also their collaboration with the Edmonds School District.

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Chris: Talked about an innovation for the Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County.

Kathy: Shared surprise and success at being able to maintain such high participation rates for their virtual programs offered by the Puget Sound Kidney Center, even after the pandemic. They are able to provide these virtual services in Korean, Spanish, and Tagalog, with a Russian-language program in progress.

Mary: Talked about their ability to support ChildStrive's client basic needs during the pandemic, such as diapers and formula, which helped reduce stress.

Rahel: Reported that YMCA Greater Seattle was able to hire a Community Health Navigator and provide preventative care workshops and screenings for residents.

Shannon: Talked about multiple successes for Sound Pathways, including parent-child assistance, esteem shelter, Amerigroup permanent housing, and syringe services.

Arun Sharma: Reported on a successful youth event and their desire to create youth camps in the community.

Zsofia: Talked about providing food support and assistance for Farmer Frog clients.

**Commissioner
Comments**

Commissioner Knutsen is happy to hear about all the collaboration between organizations and their work in the community.

Other Updates

Dr. Edwards reminded attendees about the upcoming Verdant-hosted Community Health Networking Event on November 4th as a place for health-focused non-profits to network with each other and other community funders.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

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