



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 29, 2011

Contact:

Jennifer Piplic, Director of Marketing & Communication

425.582.8558 or jennifer.piplic@verdanthealth.org

Same mission. Simpler name.

South Snohomish County Commission for Health becomes Verdant Health Commission.

LYNNWOOD, WASH. – While the focus of its work has not changed, the name behind Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County’s health and wellness program has been simplified. Meet Verdant Health Commission.

Why Verdant Health? Verdant typically means lush and green. While *verdant* is most often used to describe nature and the outdoors, it also applies to our community’s health and well-being. Our community is living, thriving and growing, and Verdant Health is here to support that effort by building a foundation for a healthier community.

Verdant Health will continue to invest in our community through collaborative partnerships that bring unique services to the hospital district’s residents. To date, it has invested in community partnership programs totaling more than \$1.5 million per year. Investments include programs to reduce childhood obesity, increase access to healthcare for low-income and uninsured residents, and improve the health of seniors. Verdant Health Commission is focused on supporting all of the hospital district’s residents through preventive means that empower and engage our citizens to lead healthy lifestyles.

Verdant Health Commission and Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County are governed by a Board of Commissioners and serve the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of Bothell and unincorporated Snohomish County.

For nearly 50 years, Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County and its commissioners governed and managed our local community hospital. When our commissioners reached an agreement with Swedish Health Services in September of 2010 to operate the hospital, the Board of Commissioners shifted its focus to prevention and wellness, creating the South Snohomish County Commission for Health, now the Verdant Health Commission.