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Snohomish County
(Verdant Health Commission)

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Board of Commissioners
Verdant Health Commission
Lynnwood, Washington

Report on Accountability

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your District to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on the Verdant Health Commission's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the Verdant Health Commission from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

We evaluated internal controls and performed audit procedures on the activities of the District. We also determined whether the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Community programs
- Third party cash receipting
- General disbursements

RESULTS

In the areas we examined, the District's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

Related Reports

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FINANCIAL

A financial statement audit was performed by a firm of certified public accountants. That firm's report is available from the District.

Description of the District

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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 2, doing business as Verdant Health Commission, serves citizens in south Snohomish County.

On September 1, 2010, the District entered into a lease and operating agreement with Swedish Health Services. Swedish now operates the hospital which includes an acute-care hospital with 217 licensed beds, two primary care clinics and a retail pharmacy. The District formed the Verdant Health Commission to work with the community to identify and provide funding for priority healthcare needs within the District's service area.

An elected, five-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. Commissioners serve staggered, six-year terms. The Board appoints a Superintendent to oversee the District's daily operations and its five employees. For fiscal year 2012, the District operated on an annual budget of approximately of \$10 million.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:

Bob Knowles
Deana Knutsen
Fred Langer, R.N.
Bruce Williams, M.D.
Karianna Wilson

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Superintendent
Director of Finance
Director of Programs and Community
Investment

Carl Zapora
Lisa King

George Kosovich

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AUDIT HISTORY

This is the second audit of the District after its conversion from operating as Stevens Hospital to Verdant Health Commission. We reported no findings since the conversion.



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The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

We work with our audit clients and citizens as an advocate for government accountability. As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

The State Auditor's Office employees are located around the state to deliver services effectively and efficiently.

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