

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)  
Information Session Notes  
January 19, 2023

**1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen**

- a. Sarah Allen gave a brief overview of the history and purpose and mission of the CPST meetings, to share information, problem solve, coordinate, and support health and human service needs. CPST began as part of the COVID response and has moved to focus on overall health and human service needs. Please reach out to Sarah or Elisa Lueck with any ideas for meeting topics. Another purpose of the meeting is to share funding opportunities and information (as an example, we received over 600 responses to the Consolidated Funding Pool survey).

**2. DFS Public Assistance Updates-Patty Araujo**

- a. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 has significant changes to the Medicaid and SNAP programs.
- b. ***Information shared regarding Medicaid, SNAP and communication strategies included in PowerPoint presentation (posted to CPST website).***

**3. Food Access Program Resources Update-Ramona Carroll, NCS**

- a. Emergency Food Strategy Team is a network of non-profit providers, faith communities, county staff and FCPS.
  - i. Looking at how to leverage partnerships more effectively for food distribution, looking at policies, having coverage on different days of the week.
  - ii. Group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3pm -4pm , if interested please join the [Emergency Food Strategy Team](#)
- b. Currently in the second round of food access program which is another way to provide funding to providers.
- c. Stuff the Bus campaign: January 14-February 18, 2023
  - i. Community members donate at local grocery store locations on specific Saturdays.
  - ii. Assists non-profits after the holidays.
  - iii. [Stuff the Bus Information](#)
- d. The Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) next cycle will have opportunities for emergency food and funding supports.

**4. Coordinated Services Planning-Keisha Dotson**

- a. Continuing to work to prevent eviction, ERA Bridge program will be receiving additional funding.
- b. Calling CSP (703-222-0880) is another access point for food, callers are assessed for all basic needs.
- c. Call volumes continue to fluctuate, please remind of the callback feature.
- d. More information will be coming with next steps for the Bridge program.

**5. Health Department Update-Sharon Arndt**

- a. Health Department started it's COVID response three years ago and could not have done it without partners supporting the community.
- b. Partner recognition is Saturday, February 4, 2023 and invitations have been sent out.
  - i. Contact [HDLiaison@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:HDLiaison@fairfaxcounty.gov) or the call center: 703-324-7404 with any questions.
- c. Respiratory Disease in the Community
  - i. Have transitioned all COVID updates to the Health Department webpage.
  - ii. COVID community level is at medium, hospitalization numbers have increased.
  - iii. Flu rates are reduced but it is still early in the flu season.
  - iv. Less than twenty percent in Virginia have received the booster.
  - v. Find Seasonal Flu and COVID vaccines at [www.staywellnova.com](http://www.staywellnova.com) or [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)
  - vi. Continue to stay home when sick and wear a mask for 10 days if test positive for COVID.

**6. Wrap Up & Summary – Elisa Lueck and Sarah Allen**