

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)
Information Session Notes
November 17, 2022

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen

- a. Sarah Allen gave a brief overview of the history and purpose of the CPST meetings. The meetings will continue to occur on a monthly basis, with the focus on topics that are of interest and value to CPST membership. Small workgroups will be formed as needed. There will be no meeting in December and the meetings will resume in January.

2. Health Department Update-Sharon Arndt and Dr. Ben Schwartz

- a. The vaccine navigation program will be demobilizing in December.
- b. Face coverings are still required in Fairfax County medical facilities, such as hospitals.
- c. There are opportunities to host vaccine clinics, if interested. (link below)

[Interested in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at your location? Submit requests to VDH](#)

This is a direct link to the VDH form for vaccine event requests.

- d. Several co-occurring illnesses present in the community, COVID, Influenza, and RSV.
 - i. Influenza usually peaks in January/February, but we are currently experiencing an outbreak and increase in cases and a high number of facility visits.
 - ii. One fourth of cases are in children zero to four years old.
 - iii. We are also experiencing a RSV outbreak, usually a mild illness but those who are most at risk are young infants, those who are immune compromised or have respiratory issues.
 - iv. Rate of COVID has remained low since July
 - 1. Only receiving information from PCP testing
 - 2. Emergence of new subvariants of Omicron
 - 3. Variants are a concern, important to remain up to date on vaccinations.
 - 4. Fifteen percent of those eligible have received the new booster
 - 5. Health Department will continue to distribute vaccines at the Government Center and Gerry Hyland Governmental Center until mid-December.
- e. Monkeypox Update
 - i. Over 2500 people have been vaccinated.
 - ii. High risk behaviors have decreased.
 - iii. Haven't had a new case in several weeks. (One pending)
- f. Find Seasonal Flu and COVID vaccines at www.staywellnova.com

3. Hypothermia Update-Abby Dunner, DHCD

- a. Hypothermia program season begins Dec. 1st
- b. Standing overflow at shelter sites beginning Nov. 15th.
- c. Walk-ins are accepted except for one location in Falls Church.

4. DFS Public Assistance Updates-Patty Araujo

- a. PowerPoint presentation was shared.
- b. Medicaid
 - Virginia Medicaid is launching a new brand, Cardinal Care, that includes all the health coverage plans (i.e. MCOs). Members will experience no break or reduction in coverage. They will begin receiving a new Cardinal Care Card, or a revised MCO card with the Cardinal Care logo. For the latest information about the Cardinal Care Program [Cardinal Care | DMAS - Department of Medical Assistance Services \(virginia.gov\)](#)
For a copy of the card [Sample Virginia Medicaid ID Cards as of January 1, 2023](#)
FAQs [Cardinal Care Transition | DMAS - Department of Medical Assistance Services \(virginia.gov\)](#)
- c. P-EBT (Pandemic EBT)
 - P-EBT has been authorized retroactively for some eligible SNAP households with child(ren) under the age of 6 (see broadcast for criteria). 134,762 SNAP households across Virginia will receive a letter advising them of the benefit, a copy of the letter they received is in the body of the broadcast.
 - The P-EBT page has not been updated with this information yet, but can be found here: [Pandemic EBT - Virginia Department of Social Services](#)
 - Local agencies do not administer the P-EBT program. For questions about P-EBT benefits please call the VDSS P-EBT Call Center from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m Monday – Friday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 866-513-1414 or 804-294-1633 or use the P-EBT [Online Inquiry Form](#).
- d. Employment Services
 - For information about VIEW [Virginia Initiative for Education and Work \(VIEW\) | Family Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
 - For information about the VITA Program [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) - Free Income Tax Preparation | Family Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

5. Looking forward to 2023-Elisa Lueck

- a. Elisa facilitated a discussion to uncover topics of interest for CPST in 2023, in alignment with the Fairfax County Strategic Plan outcome areas.

Culture and Recreational Opportunities:

- adaptive sports
- park authority equity work
- Transportation options
- Celebrate Fairfax partnered with BOS Offices hosting events during the summer/fall of 2022; suggestion to share information about one of the diverse cultures at their event.

Economic Opportunity:

- DEI and DFS work in this area
- Transportation for all especially those who bike to work all year long

- Cooperatives operating in the county
- Guaranteed Basic Income pilot via DFS and Opportunity Neighborhoods
- empowerment and support for residents with vulnerabilities
- Strategies for linguistically isolated communities, i.e. Indigenous language
- housing vouchers
- More from Housing on resources to offer clients, a number to call, website to go to get a starting point of how to find housing in Fairfax County. There's so much out there it can be overwhelming for client.

Effective and Efficient Government:

- Training and resources for entrepreneurial residents
- Travel Training for Fairfax County residents

Inclusive Engagement:

- grant writing workshops
- business formation
- Targeted Universalism

Health:

- Diabetes Prevention
- Wellness programs
- reproductive health and family planning information

Housing and Neighborhood Livability:

- What to do when evicted
- safety and voicing concerns
- community resources (like libraries, community centers, rec centers)
- Landlord /tenant relations; Fairfax County Consumer Mediation Services

Lifelong Education and Learning:

- online trainings/classes
- financial planning
- Adult Education
- literacy programming
- More resources for kids still struggling to catch up
- Clients need to be educated on the difference between for-profit, private and government colleges including the expense and financial resources.

Mobility and Transportation:

- TOPS information
- Travel Training
- Educating clients on how to ride the bus
- Access to transportation

Safety and Security:

- Disaster planning
- community policing - new initiatives
- Efforts by police to engage residents more holistically
- Public safety officers and mental health collaboration
- building community involvement
- how to protect your home on a budget
- Fire Department training on how to safely use fire extinguisher and the different types of extinguishers

Environment:

- Better commuting options
- Increased access to solar in the County
- Community gardening; increasing green spaces; planting more trees in high occupancy areas

6. Wrap Up & Summary – Elisa Lueck