

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)  
Meeting Notes  
November 4, 2021

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

**2. Meeting Structure and Logistics – Sarah Allen**

- a. Meeting every other Thursday from 1:30-2:30pm through the end of the year
- b. Think about what the CPST will look like moving forward
- c. The CPST CORE team will also look at meeting structure in the new year.
- d. Share with [Sarah.Allen@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sarah.Allen@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [Elisa.Lueck@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Elisa.Lueck@fairfaxcounty.gov) any ideas for information sessions.
- e. Ramona Carroll of NCS shared that the Food Access Program should be launching early next week. Submissions will be online, and information will come out through the CPST email.

**3. Information to Support your Work – Judith Dittman**

- a. Hypothermia Season Update (Abby Dunner – OPEH)
  - i. Every winter expanding single shelter space, so no one is forced to stay in the dangerous cold temperatures overnight.
  - ii. Using floor space at three shelters: Elenore Kennedy Shelter in South County, Bailey's Shelter in mid County, and the Embry Rucker Shelter in North County.
  - iii. Additional auxiliary sites include faith communities, open a week or two at a time with volunteers and offer other services along with a contracted non-profit partner.
  - iv. The only other non-faith community site is the North County Building that is used to supplement shelter capacity in the north county area.
  - v. Last year the program looked different due to COVID concerns, faith community sites and county offices were closed, and we were able to leverage County space. This year, as offices are open, that space is no longer available, and we have returned to traditional model.
  - vi. Goal is to serve any adult over the age of 18 who presents needing shelter. Non-profits operate the programs, provide basic needs (food, clothing), assistance with housing, benefits, or employment programs, or people are welcome just to come in and sleep.
  - vii. Officially starts December 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>, overnight program from 5-6pm through 7-8am. Due to the shutdowns last year, were able to run 24-hour programs, but unable to do so this year. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the three shelters will be on a no-turn away policy and people can come sleep regardless of the temperature.
  - viii. All three shelters act as warming shelters during the day with 24-hour programming.
  - ix. Sites and operating hours are located on the website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/hypothermia-prevention-program>
  - x. The flyer for the program is available here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/sites/homeless/files/assets/hypothermia%20flyer.pdf>

- xi. The program is developed in partnership with the Health Department and includes QPID sites for those who have COVID and need to be quarantined or isolated.

#### 4. Partnership and Agency Updates - Stephanie Wood

- a. Health – Sharon Arndt
  - i. Public health update
    - 1. While still in substantial community spread, trending towards moderate, Fairfax County is doing better at controlling community spread than other jurisdictions in the Northern VA Region.
    - 2. Highest rate of infection is with ages 5-9, because that group has not been vaccinated and have returned to school and other exposures.
    - 3. As a community, started vaccinating ages 5-11 with pediatric Pfizer vaccine with FDA, CDC, VDH emergency approvals earlier this week.
    - 4. Navigators will be in the community more to engage with the food distribution events or other events in the community.
    - 5. Walk-ins are suspended for the next few weeks. Residents will need to make appointments for both adults and children individually due to the high demand and the different dose available for children.
    - 6. Equity clinics are continuing and will be identified as either pediatric or 12 and over.
    - 7. There is interest in intergenerational clinics, but unable to at this time due to the difference in doses for children.
    - 8. FCHD Testing page: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-testing> - to include the pop-up mobile FCHD testing locations available 2-3 times a week.
- b. FCPS – Kathy Ryan and Christie Scott (FCPS Communications Manager)
  - i. COVID Screening Testing and Vaccination – **PowerPoint included with meeting notes**
  - ii. For Vaccine Updates from FCPS: [www.fcps.edu/return-school/return-school-safety/return-school-covid-19-vaccination-children-ages-5-11](http://www.fcps.edu/return-school/return-school-safety/return-school-covid-19-vaccination-children-ages-5-11)
  - iii. Joint message from Dr. Gloria and Dr. Brabrand: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/message-about-covid-19-vaccine-ages-5-11>
  - iv. FCPS Meals update for Thanksgiving: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/food>
  - v. FCPS Employment Opportunities (substitutes and other non-teaching positions): <https://www.fcps.edu/careers/career-opportunities/substitute-teaching-opportunities> and <https://www.fcps.edu/careers/career-opportunities/operational-staff-opportunities>
- c. DFS – Patty Araujo and Kim Carr
  - i. Introduced Daniel Mekibib, new assistant division director for PAES division
  - ii. **PowerPoint presentation included with meeting notes**

- d. CSP- Aimee Garcia
  - i. CSP continues to address basic needs through coordination of supportive resources and funding sources
  - ii. Call volume has remained steady, but the call wait times have fluctuated during that same timeframe.
  - iii. 205% increase of first-time callers since before the pandemic started
  - iv. \$1,940,309 expenditures in the past two weeks. Disbursed \$22,231,168 of the first award of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) funds since June.
  - v. US Department of Treasury required 65% of the County's ERA1 (\$22,401,514) to be spent by October 1<sup>st</sup> or may reallocate funding. The County has spent 64.5% and is anticipated to spend the remainder this week. At the 9/21 Board of Supervisors' Health and Human Services Committee Meeting, staff projected that the County would meet the target by the end of November 2021.
  - vi. The second award of the Emergency Rental Assistance funds (ERA2) will be implemented later this month.
  
- e. Volunteer Fairfax- Kim Luckabaugh
  - i. If you have volunteer needs or donations, reach out to [kluckabaugh@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:kluckabaugh@volunteerfairfax.org)
  - ii. Planning for MLK Weekend of service; if you have any needs, please reach out to Kim.

**5. Wrap Up & Summary - Joe Fay**