

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)
Meeting Notes
February 10, 2022

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen

- a. Will be convening CPST Core Team to discuss meeting frequency and focus of 2022 work together on the 17th. Will bring back to the group our plan for this year.

2. Information to Support your Work – Elisa Lueck

- a. Public Health Update – Sharon Arndt
 - i. Pandemic Status
 - 1. Still at twice the CDC threshold for transmission, still in High category
 - 2. Public health recommends mask wearing at substantial or high categories
 - ii. Vaccinations
 - 1. Passed the 50% threshold for vaccinations in ages 5-11
 - 2. Successful collaborations with FCPS, other vaccination clinics
 - 3. 90% of adults have received 1 dose, 83% fully vaccinated, 73% all residents 5 and up fully vaccinated
 - 4. Encourage boosters to be up-to date on vaccinations
 - 5. VDH states that those who are unvaccinated are 4.7 times as likely to contract COVID-19
 - 6. FDA is meeting later this month to discuss vaccination for 6 months - 4 years of age; guidance will be given from VDH after CDC review
 - 7. Thanks to partners for welcoming Vaccine Navigators to encourage vaccinations
- b. Food Access Program Update - Ramona Carroll
 - i. Part of ARPA funding, \$3.5 million divided up into 3 lanes:
 - 1. Lane 1- \$1.5 million for food assistance, proportionally allocated due to regional need.
 - 2. Lane 2- \$500,000 for new model in food delivery service or innovative food programs.
 - 3. Lane 3- \$1.5 million for infrastructure supports; food storage, delivery, enhanced client supports.
 - 4. Award letters have been sent for Lane 3; still working on Lanes 1 & 2.
 - ii. Another round of funding will be coming later in the year for Lanes 1 & 2
- c. Emergency Rental Assistance Update - Keisha Dotson
 - i. ERA2 program for rent and utility assistance funding moving forward.
 - ii. For those who have not received documents related to contracts or amendments, they will be received soon.
 - iii. These funds are designated for households experiencing a financial hardship either in reduction of household income, increase of expenses, or some other hardship as a result of the pandemic or COVID infection; also able to assist those who have experienced these issues during the pandemic.
 - iv. Criteria remains the same:

1. Household needs to be at or below 80% of the adjusted median income
2. Rental unit needs to be at or below 150% of fair market rent
3. Proof of household income, attestation of lack of income
4. [Required Forms | Health and Human Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
5. Able to get up to 18 months of assistance. 3-pronged approach for assistance:
 - a. Individuals call CSP 703-222-0880, also for basic needs, still a sustained call volume, recommend using the call back feature
 - b. [Landlord Portal](#), able to request assistance on behalf of the tenant with consent.
 - c. Eviction Prevention Intervention (EPI) Team, working with those who are already in the courts eviction process.

3. Partnership and Agency Updates – Patricia Araujo

- a. DFS-Patricia Araujo
 - i. Reminder SNAP maximum amount for one person is \$250 per month; doesn't double or triple as household size grows.
 1. Expenses considered but not limited to: Rent/mortgage, utilities, daycare, healthcare (for those over 60)
 2. In response to COVID-19, regardless of income or expenses, clients were also given up to the maximum due to the Supplemental Emergency Allotment Program.
 3. Supplemental Emergency Allotment Program may be ending this month or next. State applies for these emergency allotments every month and will be working to inform partners as soon as possible.
 4. Advocating for a letter from the state to the residents and will share information as its received.
 - ii. Feel free to call or email patricia.araujo@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-7864, if you are interested in learning about our medical (Medicaid), food (SNAP), and financial assistance programs.
- b. FCPS-Kathy Ryan
 - i. FCPS This Week, February 9 edition: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/fcps-week-e-newsletter-february-9-2022>. Next week two opportunities for community engagement. Updated every Wednesday.
 - ii. FCPS Update on Roll Back Plan: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/update-our-roll-back-plan>
 - iii. FCPS Messages of Hope and Gratitude, February 8th We Love FCPS day: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/messages-hope-and-gratitude-fcps-employees>
 - iv. FCPS News You Choose e-newsletter sign-up: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAEDUFCPS/subscriber/new?gsp=VAEDUFCPS_1

4. Subcommittee Updates – Elisa Lueck

- a. Economic Prosperity and Employment - Elisa Lueck
 - i. 15 non-profit workforce development program managers and 5 county staff have joined
 - ii. After meetings in the fall, members decided to reframe group as an action learning cohort, whereby members commit to jointly explore and share findings on what inclusive prosperity looks like from an employer and employee perspective
 - iii. Peer-to-Peer learning workshops are being held every 3 weeks until May. Involves work being undertaken by our non-profit partners in interviewing successful participants and meeting employer representatives to learn about real time changes in pay and job quality for entry level workers. Members will be asked to prepare a mini-presentation proposing a program or broad partnership initiative. The group will develop a final report on findings and proposed action steps, and will invite interested stakeholders to join a presentation and discussion event.

- b. Health Access - Sara Brinkmoeller
 - i. Northern Virginia Community Health Assessment available, please share: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NoVAHealthAssessment-English>
 - ii. Neighborhood Health has a new site in Annandale: 6715 Little River Turnpike, includes: women's health, pediatrics and family medicine.
 - iii. Neighborhood Health and HealthWorks received test kits from the federal government for distribution.
 - iv. Trauma-Informed Community Network - trauma informed spaces grant opportunity, apply by Feb. 18, 2022 for up to \$4,000 to support space improvement projects: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/prevention/trauma-informed-community-network>
 - v. Fairfax County Health Department offering immunization clinics for regular vaccines on 3/12/22 from 8 a.m. - noon, at the Health Department Annandale office at 7611 Little River Turnpike.

- c. Transportation Access – Cynthia Alarico
 - i. Reminder about transportation resources. Still offering vaccine access taxi service.
 - ii. **TOPS program:** Transportation Options Program, replaced taxi voucher program. Will be launching TOPS pilot program soon, geared towards older adults and individuals with disabilities. Will cost \$15 for \$100 worth of services. Will be eligible to purchase this subsidy four times/year.

5. Wrap Up & Summary – Sarah Allen