

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

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen

2. Meeting Structure and Logistics

- a. Core team will share more information about how CPST will continue through the year
- b. Schedule moving to once a month, the third Thursday of the month starting in April
- c. Planning yearly agenda and looking for suggestions for structure
- d. Want the meeting to be a centralized place for information and work on a systems perspective

3. Information to Support your Work – Sarah Allen

- a. Public Health Update – Sharon Arndt
 - i. Recognizes and appreciates the engagement and participation the members of the CPST (previously CPCT) have done as the 2-year mark approaches from when the community shut down and this team was created.
 - ii. Status:
 1. Slow decrease in cases, moving towards moderate level
 2. CDC has changed designation of the virus burden in communities from “community transmission” to “community level”, focuses on impact of disease, case counts, new hospitalized cases, and number of hospital beds. Volume of available hospital beds available and high vaccination rates are contributing to lower status.
 3. Continuing to offer vaccine equity clinics and encouraging being up to date on vaccines by receiving booster.
 4. Many are still vulnerable, including young children as there is no vaccine available for them at this time, includes social impacts i.e. not being able to send children to child care when sick.
 5. “Baby Pfizer” vaccine, for babies and children aged 6 months-5years, potentially available late April.
 6. Walking back mitigation strategies; masks are optional indoors in a community with low level and based on personal preference and an individual’s assessment of risk. Masks are still required on transportation and congregate settings regardless of vaccination status.
 7. As the community transitions from pandemic to endemic level of disease, boosters are important. 50% of eligible residents have not received them yet.
 8. COVID will continue to exist in the community, the HD will continue to respond and integrate into normal operations. Will continue to track and investigate outbreaks in congregate, school, or childcare settings.
- b. Food Access- Ramona Carroll
 - i. Afghan Refugees/Ukraine support
 1. Afghanhelp@fairfaxcounty.gov is still available for anyone wanting to help by providing services or resources.

2. Recognize that many non-profits and houses of worship are working with refugees who may no longer be working with resettlement agencies or having challenges with those agencies. Please use the Afghan Help email to make connections. Resettlement agencies are also reaching out via the Afghan Help email asking for items/services they need.
 3. The County is pulling together a list of resources to assist with the Ukraine crisis. If any partner is aware of any resources or services that can help, please contact Elisa.Lueck@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- ii. Stuff the Bus
 1. March 19th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 2. Spread the word to restock shelves of non-profit partners.
- c. FY2023 Budget Process-Sarah Allen
 - i. The Advertised Budget was presented on 2/22/22 by the County Executive
 - ii. Public hearings are April 12th-14th, more information can be found on the County's website: [FY 2023 Advertised Budget Plan | Management and Budget \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fy2023-advertised-budget-plan-management-and-budget)
 1. Sign up to participate at one of the public hearings by calling the Clerk of the Board's Office at (703) 324-3151, TTY 711, or access the form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form
 2. The public can send written or video testimony or communicate with the Clerk's Office by email at: clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - iii. Budget will be adopted on May 10th
 - iv. The School Board budget public meetings will be in May, more information can be found on the FCPS website: [Budget | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](https://www.fcps.edu/budget)

4. Partnership and Agency Updates – Stephanie Wood

- a. DFS-Patty Araujo
 - i. Employment and Training- VITA free tax service available through 4/18/22. Flyer included with meeting notes.
 - ii. New program, ESAP new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for adults over 60 with no earned income. Flyer included with notes.
 - iii. Emergency SNAP allotments; In response to COVID-19, regardless of income or expenses, clients were given up to the maximum due to the Supplemental Emergency Allotment Program, has been in place since March 2020. Has been extended through March. Waiting for information on April.
 - iv. Received a toolkit from the state in response to the pandemic assistance coming to an end, federal assistance may be extended 30-60-90 days, messaging to residents is to make sure addresses and contact information is up to date to get the most recent correspondence. Flyer included with notes.
 - v. P-EBT Updates and Information:
<https://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/pebt/index.cgi>
 - vi. More news to come about post-pandemic outreach
- b. CSP -Keisha Dotson

- i. Launched ERA 2, \$3.5 million spent so far, working diligently through backlogged cases.
 - 1. Allows rent/utility assistance for individuals at or below 80% and 150% of Fair Market Rent requirement. Program is for individuals with a significant hardship due to the pandemic or during the time of the pandemic.
 - 2. Points of entry:
 - a. CSP: 703-222-0880
 - b. Individual's Landlords through landlord portal: [Landlord Instructions and Materials | Health and Human Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
 - c. Court involvement, NCS outreach directly with those on unlawful retainer or writ of eviction
 - d. Tenant portal in process
 - ii. Health and Human Services COVID-19 Response: [hhs-update.pdf \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
- c. FCPS-Kathy Ryan
- i. FCPS This Week, March 9 edition: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/fcps-week-e-newsletter-march-9-2022>
 - 1. Family Engagement Survey
 - 2. Social worker of the year
 - 3. Teen job fairs
 - 4. Back-To-School Pediatric vaccination clinics
 - 5. Stuff the Bus
 - 6. Multi-lingual podcasts: making transition from Middle School to High School
 - 7. Special Education Conference
 - 8. Spring forward

5. **Wrap Up & Summary – Elisa Lueck**