

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)
Meeting Notes
April 21, 2022

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen

2. Meeting Structure and Logistics

- a. Meetings are to share information to support your work, always looking for ways to get relevant information, please share information or ideas for upcoming meetings.
- b. Meetings are scheduled once a month on the third Thursday.
- c. The Core team will share more information about what CPST will focus on throughout the year.
- d. The desire is to have the meeting to be a centralized place for information and work on a systems perspective, will be sharing updates regarding the pandemic as well as services and resources that are changing and available as we shift out of the pandemic including funding resources.
- e. Participants are recommended to share any information from these meetings and invite other partners to the group who would benefit from the information and County colleagues needing to share information.

3. Information to Support your Work – Elisa Lueck

- a. Public Health Update – India Richards
 - i. Vaccine Navigation Program-High Risk Communities Task Force, a group of community health workers and their supervisors, and Vaccine program manager to resolve ambivalence and connect people to vaccine opportunities. The program is to ensure greater equity and access to COVID-19 vaccine by those disproportionately affected by COVID. Focusing on populations with lower vaccination rates, people with greater social vulnerability, less medical access, immigrants, and those with transportation limitations.
 1. Navigation activities include Education about the COVID-19 vaccine and protective behaviors; addressing vaccine hesitancy; raising awareness about vaccination sites; scheduling for vaccinations; connecting residents to health services; and increasing the effectiveness of the CBOs COVID related outreach efforts.
 2. Formal Partnerships include Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Lorton Community Action Center, Second Story Resource Center, Cornerstones, United Community, Edu-Futuro, Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation.
 3. 92.2% of people 18 years and older have received at least one dose and 83.9% of people 18 years and older are fully vaccinated. Focus is now on the pediatric vaccinations (5–11-year-olds) and boosters. Still waiting on “Baby” Pfizer to vaccinate 6 month-5-year-olds.
 4. Outreach efforts have reached a little over 40,000 Fairfax Health District residents.
 5. Working on illustrating the value of the vaccine navigation program, will be surveying partners and apartment complexes to see if the residents benefited from the program.

6. India Richards is available at irichards@institutephi.org

- b. Department of Emergency Management-Courtney Arroyo
 - i. Upcoming survey for CBOs regarding pandemic response- looking for feedback and opinions on what went well and areas of improvement.
 - ii. Will be in two parts, a survey will be sent out, then focus groups will be formed to review the findings and improvements and will be working with a contractor.

- c. Acting and Thriving Community Grant – Survey Results - Sarah White
 - i. Had 112 responses to the survey, this will help to inform new sustainability funding opportunities.
 - ii. Responses highlighted:
 - 1. Services/Donations have not been restored to pre-pandemic levels.
 - 2. Concerns about hiring and retaining staff, most indicated not seeing improvement in the next 3 years.
 - 3. Fundraising to increase modestly in the next 3 years.
 - 4. Support for competitive wages was the clear preference for how future grants should be designed.
 - iii. Suggestions for other ways the County could support were:
 - 1. Simplified/Streamlined grant opportunities
 - 2. Flexible grant opportunities
 - 3. Organizational capacity building
 - 4. Technical Support
 - iv. Will be releasing another round of funding through ARPA funds, \$6.5 million has been earmarked for this program. In the process of designing the program now, a joint Board matter came out on April 12th from Sup McKay, Foust, and Palchik to accelerate the next round of grant funding to CBOs.
 - v. To be released early summer, not for direct client services, is earmarked for infrastructure sustainability, employee bonuses, volunteer recruitment, computer purchases, data/cloud storage, etc.
 - vi. Information will come through CPST and other established channels.
 - vii. Contact Sarah.White@fairfaxcounty.gov with questions.

- d. Food Access- Ramona Carroll
 - i. Food Access Program grant funds- \$3.5 million out for food distribution, infrastructure, unique models of food delivery. All awardees have been contacted. Will be having another round of FAP funding later this year.

- e. CCFP-Sarah Allen
 - i. CBO's will be notified after the Board approves funding for next year.
 - ii. Preliminary discussions with those who have applied for RFP2, more information to come.

4. Partner and Agency Updates – Stephanie Wood

- a. DFS-Patty Araujo
 - i. Virginia has offered a month's notice to phase out SNAP emergency allotments. April has been approved; May is likely. The amounts received on the 3rd, 4th, and 7th of the month will remain. The additional allotments on the 16th will end when notified.

- ii. Public health emergency for Medicaid has been extended to July 15th, DFS was under orders to not reduce or terminate coverage. Residents need to ensure that current mailing information has been updated to get information regarding renewals. Encourage residents to send information in by contacting:
 1. Online at CommonHelp.Virginia.gov (State)
 2. Emailing DFSMyCase@fairfaxcounty.gov (Fairfax DFS)
 3. Calling Customer Call Center 703-324-7500 (M-F 8am-4:30pm)(Fairfax DFS)
 4. Calling Cover Virginia at 1-855-242-8282 (State)
 5. Information given to DFS directly will update the address for Medicaid and SNAP, if residents contact the state directly, only Medicaid information will be updated.
 - iii. Still offering information sessions on assistance, reach out to Patricia.Araujo@fairfaxcounty.gov if interested.
 - iv. Elevate Virtual Job Fair on 4/28 10am-1pm, Funded by the Elevate grant, several recruiters in several fields including healthcare, IT, etc.
- b. CSP-Keisha Dotson
- i. Emergency Rental Assistance, up to \$15.5 million has been distributed. Continuing to receive calls and applications from residents and landlords.
 - ii. Many non-profits have changed or added programs, please share with CSP to help promote to connect community members.
- c. FCPS-Kathy Ryan
- i. FCPS This Week, April 20 edition: <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/fcps-week-e-newsletter-april-20-2022>
 1. New Superintendent
 2. Teacher Appreciation Week
 3. Multilingual Parent Podcasts
 4. Substance Abuse Webinars with Fairfax County
 - ii. Free online tutoring for all FCPS Students: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/online-tutoring-services>
 - iii. Educate Fairfax Alumni Hall of Fame: <https://educatefairfax.org/fcps-hall-of-fame/>
 - iv. FCPS summer meals and info for fall: Once the information is known we will share widely in FCPS This Week, in this meeting and the Emergency Food Strategy team.

5. **Wrap Up & Summary – Sarah Allen**