

**Caroline County
Board of Supervisors Agenda
Executive Summary**

Meeting Date: **January 26, 2021**

Title: **Presentations/Reports**

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Summary: The following presentations have been scheduled for the January 26 Board of Supervisors meeting:

Update on SNAP, Virginia Fresh Match and WIC Healthy Food Incentive Program
Elizabeth Borst, Executive Director of Virginia Community Food Connections, will provide an update in person at the January 26 Board meeting on the status of the SNAP, Virginia Fresh Match and WIC Healthy Food Incentive programs at the farmers markets in Bowling Green and Ladysmith. Virginia Fresh Match has operated at the farmers markets at the former Ladysmith Elementary School and in Bowling Green for 3 ½ seasons.

Attached is a Virginia Community Food Connections program overview for Caroline County. As indicated in the overview, VCFC provides access to healthy fruits and vegetables to low-income Virginians who shop at local farmers markets using SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Incentive Program) benefits. Virginia Fresh Match (VFM) Healthy Food Incentives (HFI) double the value of SNAP when spent at farmers markets, increasing access to affordable, local fruits and vegetables while addressing hunger in our communities.

Update on Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program – Jason Loftus, Fire-EMS Chief

Chief Loftus will provide an update on the VDH COVID-19 Vaccination Program at the January 26 Board meeting. Attached is a VDH PowerPoint that lists the Caroline local vaccinations as well as the rest of the region.



Program Overview January 2021

Caroline County

Virginia Community Food Connections (VCFC) is a nonprofit local food organization that connects people, producers and communities to support fresh food access and affordability.

VCFC provides access to healthy fruits and vegetables to low-income Virginians who shop at local farmers markets using SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Incentive Program) benefits. **Virginia Fresh Match (VFM) Healthy Food Incentives (HFI) double the value of SNAP** when spent at farmers markets, increasing access to affordable, local fruits and vegetables while addressing hunger in our communities.

Through VCFC, **seven farmers markets** work collaboratively on fresh food access, including markets in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline and Prince William counties, with support from health foundations, the Virginia Fresh Match network and a USDA Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) grant program. These local markets conducted **40% of all SNAP redemptions** at Virginia farmers markets in 2019, with even greater impact in 2020.

VCFC programs connect low-income families with available local produce. VCFC also provides free vegetable incentives to WIC families; works with local food pantries to facilitate produce distribution; and hosts the Fredericksburg Food Access Forum to bring together community food access organizations for greater collaborative impact. All of these programs provide access to healthy, locally grown food for the region's most vulnerable residents.

VCFC Program impacts during COVID

Food insecurity was a regional problem prior to the pandemic (9.6%), and rates have increased significantly during COVID. As of July, Caroline's **food insecurity rate was 13.8 % and child food insecurity was 21.5%**, projected to increase as the pandemic continues. In October, Caroline WIC cases totaled 499. And in December, there were 3,599 individuals in 1,732 households on SNAP, up 11% from December 2019, and a 67.7% increase in SNAP issuance (\$664k). Increases in monthly SNAP allowances plus the new Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) have circulated even more benefits in the community.

While other emergency food programs experienced disruptions, **VCFC's nutrition incentive program remained responsive**, providing SNAP families with access to food, and income to local farmers when many of their other sales avenues closed. Before COVID, SNAP customers received \$30 in incentives for free fruits and vegetables when spending \$30 in SNAP. **In response to COVID, VCFC increased this matching amount to \$50 at PD 16 markets to give customers even more buying power.**

In 2020, VCFC's incentive programs have been hugely impactful in helping PD 16 families keep fresh produce on their tables. During the 2020 season, VCFC has distributed a total of **\$139,042 in SNAP and VFM incentives** to SNAP shoppers across all PD 16 markets, **an 84% increase** over 2019 (\$75,764)

VCFC Program impacts in Caroline County

VFM has operated for 3 ½ seasons at Rt. 639 and Bowling Green Farmers Markets. At both Caroline Farmers markets in 2020, usage of the SNAP and VFM program by SNAP shoppers increased significantly due to the economic impacts of COVID, as well as the increasing awareness that SNAP benefits can be doubled at the farmers market for fresh healthy foods.

Farmers Market	Market Season	Total SNAP/VFM	SNAP	VFM Match	# SNAP Transactions	Credit/Debit
Bowling Green	2020	\$3,984	\$1,992	\$1,992	81	\$723
	2019	\$1,850	\$935	\$915	63	\$676
	% increase	115%	113%	118%	29%	7%
Route 639	2020	\$7,526	\$3,783	\$3,743	123	\$2,995
	2019	\$1,922	\$961	\$961	49	\$1,469
	% increase	292%	294%	289%	151%	104%

- In 2020, at both Caroline Markets, VCFC distributed a total of \$5,775 in SNAP, matched by \$5,735 in VFM, for a total of \$11,510, a 205% increase over 2019.
- Customers returned regularly to the markets to take advantage of the increase in SNAP match. The average SNAP transaction increased from \$14.84 to \$24.59 at Bowling Green Farmers Market and from \$19.61 to \$30.76 at Route 639, a total average increase of 61% for both markets. When the match is included this represents, on average, \$56.42 in total spending power at the market, half of this for fresh fruits and vegetables.

VCFC programs are a critical link to healthy food access in our community

Active community involvement and funding support are needed to advance and sustain these vital programs to increase food security, improve community health and spur economic growth.

- Recently, VCFC submitted a Locality partner funding request to support food access programs across PD 16. We included a **\$15,000 total request for Caroline County**, which includes:
 - \$10,000 for the VFM program to enable VCFC to continue to offer SNAP and VFM incentives, connecting low-income Caroline families with fresh, healthy food. This is in line with the \$9,861 the Board of Supervisors has provided for the last 4 years towards program operations. VCFC brings 100% of nutrition incentive funding to this program, leveraging more than \$94,000 annually in federal funds. Efforts are underway to secure ongoing funding to support the VFM network after the federal grant ends in May 2022.
 - This funding request also includes \$5,000 to support the WIC Healthy Food Incentives (HFI) in Caroline County, providing free produce to families with young children that need assistance but might not qualify for SNAP. This popular program attracts many first-time customers to the market. In 2020, we distributed \$560 in WIC HFI at both Caroline markets. With additional support, the program can have even greater impact.
- VCFC will continue to partner with Caroline Social Services, RAHD, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Caroline Food Committee, Caroline County Public Schools, area churches, and other organizations to increase program awareness and usage throughout the county.

For questions or more information, please contact Elizabeth Borst, elizabethborst@virginiacfc.org, 540-845-4267 or Beth Austin, bethaustin@virginiacfc.org, 540-940-7829.

RAHD PH1B Planning Concept of Operations



As of 15 Jan 2021, 1300

Ph1B Priorities

1. 1st Responders/Public Safety/LE With Local visit Jan-Feb
2. Homeless shelters (Jan 19/25-26)
3. Correctional (22 Jan)
4. K-12 Teachers (Jan-Feb) Mary Washington Hospital
5. Child/Day Care With Local visit (Jan-Feb)
6. +75 Local health With Local visit (Jan-Feb)
7. Front line work: Food/Agriculture With Local visit (Jan-Feb)
8. Front line work: Manufacturing, Food and grocery (March)
9. Transit (March)
10. Postal (March)

Smart Objectives

- Secure POD site for Jan-Apr 2021
- Place orders for all supplies needed for Jan-Apr
- Implement vaccine hesitancy survey to Localities
- Coordinate with locality EMs assigned dates for resources and locations
- Identify plan for adequate training and IT access
- Ensure adequate staffing for strike teams and POD supervisory roles
- Create RAHD POD Plan to operationalize
- Create an order tracking system as per CDC
- Implement Inventory System
- Operationalize VAMS/ Prep Mods
- Create working long-term plan for POD site use – phases, preferred rotations, MOUs,
- Finalize agreement with POD sites
- Coordinate food for staff on operational days
- Identify Requirements for personnel to bring (Photo ID/Credentials)
- Coordinate Mobile clinics with local EM and county staffs

General instructions:

- Site visits will be coordinated with the RAHD and the locality. An IAP will be published on decisions and action required for the assigned dates.
- Complete setting up site as per attached layout/diagram and conduct dry run no later than COB Day prior to start date
- The site will be operational no later than 0730 as appointments have been scheduled to start at 0800
- Personnel will be screened/ registered/ vaccinated/ observed for side effects in the waiting room as per the appointment schedule from VAMS and as per CDC guidance
- Conduct Vaccination operations 0800-1630 with 12 vaccination teams, screening team, Registration team, and Biosafety Nurse for monitoring for anaphylaxis.
- Track all vaccinations as per SOP and CDC guidance
- RAHD will coordinate with VANG for operational periods
- Food will be provided for staff by Locality.
- Focus for this phase is LE, Child Care, 75+, Agriculture
- Recommend usage of the RED CAP Survey to identify those personnel in those categories and as a source for numbers
- Localities will provide location large enough for the clinic (Ample parking, handicap parking, efficient flow for 75+, meals for staff “Approx 40”, chairs, tables, and coordinate security of the location.

Special Instructions for IAP PH 1B:

- VDH will coordinate with the locality 7 days prior to the start date for location/layout/resourcing gaps
- Localities will identify vaccination numbers to RAHD no later than 7 days prior to starting vaccinations
- RAHD will order the vaccine based on numbers scheduled 7 days out from vaccination.
- Through put is based on 12 vaccinations every 10 minutes for 7 hours. (approx. 500)
- Final IAP will be published no later than 6 days from starting vaccinations.
- Additional vaccinators provided by the locality will increase the through put.
- Currently VAMS is the system being used be prepared to switch to a more efficient system, Prep MODs. (TBD)

January 2021 (No Change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			PH 1A 1st Shot			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	PH1A EMS (0730-1230/1800-2100) ...		PH1 A (0800-1630) (EXPO)	PH1A (0730-1230/1800-2100) ...	PH 1A (0800-1630) (EXPO)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	LDH		King George PH 1B (LE/Teachers/ Child Care/75+); Kin		PH 1B LE (EXPO)	
	OFF	PH 1B (Homeless)				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	LDH		Spotsy County PH 1B (LE/Teachers/ Child Care/75+)			
	PH 1B (Homeless) 1st shot					

February 2021 (No Change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6
	75+ PH 1B (EXPO) 1st shot		Fredericksburg PH 1B (LE/Teachers/Child Care/75+)	PH1A EMS 2nd shot (EXPO)		
	LDH					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	PH 1A Second Shot (EXPO)		Stafford PH 1B (LE/Teachers/ Child Care/75+)			
	LDH					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	LDH		Caroline PH 1B (LE/Teachers/ Child Care/75+)			
	PH 1A Second Shot (EXPO)					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Homeless Second Shot		King George Ph 1B second Shot (Moderna)		PH 1B 74+ (EXPO) second shot	
	LDH					
	PH 1A Second Shot (EXPO)					

March 2021 (No change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28	Mar 1 LDH PH 1B Second Shot Spotsylvania (Moderna)	2	3 PH 1B 1st shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/Transit) (EXPO)	4	5	6
7	8 LDH PH 1 B Second Shot Fredericksburg (Moderna)	9	10 PH 1B 1st Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	11	12	13
14	15 LDH PH 1B Second Shot Stafford (Moderna)	16	17 PH 1B 1st Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	18 PH1B 74+ second shot	19	20
21	22 LDH PH 1B Second Shot Caroline (Moderna)	23	24 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	25	26	27
28	29 LDH	30	31 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	Apr 1	2	3

April 2021 (No Change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 28	29 LDH	30	31	Apr 1 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	2	3
4	5 LDH	6	7	8 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	9	10
11	12 LDH	13	14	15 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	16	17
18	19 LDH	20	21	22 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	23	24
25	26 LDH	27	28	29 PH 1B 1st/2nd Shot (Agriculture/Grocery/Postal/ transit) (EXPO)	30	May 1

Other information:

- People have been turned around for the following :
 - No Vaccines with in 2 weeks
 - Recently sick
 - High fever
 - Not reservation and not in the correct category
- Eventually, we should be able to get to keeping the EXPO open when the VDH team is mobile. We need vaccinators and admin assistance when VDH starts this split operation.
- VAMS for 2 Jan 2021 went live today for LE
- RAHD is coordinating with Rappahannock Jail for officer vaccination
- Medium gloves are running low. We have them on order. May need to ask for assistance during your scheduled time frame.
- VDEM has entered a WEBeoc order for Cotton ball, Band-aides and Alcohol Wipes
- More info on PrepMODs will be published once RAHD receives guidance from VDH. I did a google search and other states are using this program such as North Dakota.

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

Health care personnel, long-term care facilities

A

500,000 people

First responders, child care and K-12 teachers,
front line essential workers in manufacturing,
food and grocery, transit, postal, adults age 75+

B

1.2 million people

Essential workers in construction, transportation,
food service, utilities, etc., adults age 65+,
people age 16-64 with high risk medical
conditions

C

2.5 million people

GENERAL POPULATION

