

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report November 2022

Workforce Development

- ✓ The bi-weekly recruitment events are back at the Career Center:
 - October 27 from 10am to 4pm – Old Navy
 - Nov 4 from 12 to 4pm - Achieve Rehab and Nursing
They offer paid training for Certified Nurse's Aide.
Anyone hired must be willing to get vaccinated.
 - Nov 18 from 11am to 3pm - Resorts World Catskills

- ✓ Meeting are underway with the college to continue work on training needs in certain trades. A broader meeting is scheduled for early November. Workforce focus is on short term, non-credit training in trades that can lead to employment.

- ✓ Department of Labor updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls continue; Virtual Career Centers should be rolling out soon; Coursera for online learning is in place and CWD assigned two staff as administrators; currently under a Financial Management, Procurement, Property Manage & Monitoring Audit; new audit of participant review to start in November; local performance negotiations for federal WIOA have been completed for the Program Years 2022 and 2023.

- ✓ Work Readiness Training, LLC was awarded a contract to provide leadership development services to WIOA eligible juniors and seniors at Fallsburg High School starting in September. The program will provide 6 to 8 experiential learning leadership activities incorporating non-profit and business opportunities for civic engagement, service learning and work readiness programs. Students will present at the end of the school year to the Fallsburg School Board of Education and the Workforce Development Board. A total of 30 youth are slated to be served. The program is underway.

- ✓ The Director of CWD is now on a monthly Training & Development Committee which consists of many local businesses, agencies and the Chamber of Commerce. Virtual and in-person trainings are being put together by these groups for areas needed such as soft skills training, public speaking, etc. CWD is working with other members of this committee to put an event together for February on how to create an inclusive and diverse work environment.

- ✓ The Disability Resource Coordinator position will work to support and expand partnerships, collaboration, service coordination, and service delivery across multiple education, workforce and disability systems. The increased coordination with systems and the business community will help to create sustainable career paths. Participants collecting SSI or SSDI are able to go to work under this program. This position is fully funded by a grant through DOL under NY SCION. Required fingerprinting has been done and we are awaiting the background checks to be completed. Referrals are now in process and participants being seen.

Labor Market Data for September 2022 compared to September 2021

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase 7.2% (2,000) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 9.1% (2,000) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (9.1%).

Sullivan County had the highest nonfarm growth rate among small counties in the NYS at 7.2%. Seneca County followed with an increase of 3.6%.

Please note: The net month (August '22 – September '22) showed a loss of -4.8% (-1,500) nonfarm jobs and a loss of -7.7 (-2,000) private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 32.5% (1,300)
 - Other Services at 20% (200)
 - Manufacturing at 11.8% (200)
 - Information at 100% (100)
 - Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 7.7% (100)
 - Business and Professional Services at 5.9% (100)

Education & Health Services, Government, Trade, Transportation and Utilities along with Financial Activities showed no job growth in September 2022 over September 2021.

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 4.1% (377,600) in total nonfarm jobs and 4.7% (361,400) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Professional & Business Services at 6.8% (87,100)
- Education and Health Services at 4.2% (85,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 10% (79,400)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 3.8% (54,600)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 4.3% (38,500) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 4.6% (34,700) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Professional and Business Services at 8.8% (9,800)
- Education and Health Services at 4.3% (8,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 8.6% (7,200)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 6.7% (3,800)
- Government at 2.7% (3,800)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Financial Activities at -3.4% (-1,500)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.9% for September 2022 down from 4.0% in September 2021.

September 2022 had 38,200 people in the labor force (37,100 employed & 1,100 unemployed). This reflects an increase of 2,200 employed and a decrease of -300 reporting as unemployed for an overall increase of 1,800 people in the labor force compared to September 2021.

There is a decrease of -1,700 in the labor force from August 2022 to September 2022. This reflects a decrease of -1,500 employed and a decrease of -200 reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for September 2022 is 2.8% compared to 3.9% in September 2021.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 3.9% in September 2022 compared to 5.7% in September 2021.
- ✓ The September 2022 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.4% for Columbia, Saratoga and Yates counties to a high of 7.2% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.9% rate ranked 30th in the State along with Cayuga, Orange and Westchester counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for September 2022:
 - # 6 Rockland County at 2.6%
 - #12 Putnam County at 2.7%
 - #19 Dutchess County at 2.8%
 - #19 Ulster County at 2.8%
 - #30 Sullivan County at 2.9%
 - #30 Westchester County at 2.9%
 - #30 Orange County at 2.9%

Transportation

- ✓ Two additional routes were added to Move Sullivan effective September 1st. Some changes are being made to routes to better serve communities.

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley Food Bank began providing a monthly mobile food pantry at the Community Center in Freemont. Volunteers are from the Long Eddy VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The pantry will be the second Thursday of the month from 11am until 1pm.
- ✓ The CAC has been coordinating the countywide mask and test kit distribution.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking for vaccines and/or information.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are now twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.

Office for the Aging - Monthly Report: September 2022

Highlights:

- ✓ Continue to assist with CAC efforts distributing masks and test kits, answering phones, providing referrals and information and vaccination access.
- ✓ OFA newsletter. "The Monthly Hoot" has been successfully received so far, distribution includes libraries, town halls, OFA clients via meal delivery, supermarkets, restaurants, other county buildings and direct mail.
- ✓ Participation as board member at large of Association on Aging in NY.
- ✓ Continue to participate in Sullivan County Food Security Roundtable.
- ✓ Along with Division, participated in various community outreach events.
- ✓ Transition of meal contract to Jail effective October 3.
- ✓ Processed 150 HEAP applications so far. Season starts November 1.
- ✓ Public Hearing on November 1, 2022 in conjunction with screening of *All the Lonely People* documentary film about social isolation. Event will take place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center. Partnership with film producers, NYSOFA, and support from Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. Public Notices have been placed in Democrat, River Reporter and our newsletter and press release. Also shared on social media locally and statewide.
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EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)

EISEP September 2022	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	29
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in September	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE September	01
CASE FILES total open as of 9/30/2022	28 EISEP [+ 3 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 9/30/2022 [does not include “bridge” clients]	16
CASE FILES reassessed in September	2
WAITLIST currently active as of 9/30/2022	16

- ✓ Still facing aide shortages, continue to assist recruitment by sharing increased wage rate and refer to contract agencies.

Legal Services

- ✓ There were no referrals to legal services this month. An RFP for a new Legal Services provider due to retirement of current provider was issued and we received no initial responses by the due date. Updated RFP with slightly increased cap was issued with no response. Under services available through E-MDT, can refer complex potential financial abuse cases to their services, and continue efforts to secure legal services.

HIICAP

- ✓ client interactions – 15
- ✓ HIICAP is preparing for Annual Election to start on October 15, 2022.

NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -38
- ✓ Received NGA (Notice of Grant Award) for next year’s funding, preparation of updated budget and campaign ongoing.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

- ✓ 29 clients receive PERS medical monitoring through the OFA.

Nutrition Program

- ✓ Within the month 11 new referrals were taken for HDM and 9 clients were approved for the program.
- ✓ Aging Service Specialists have begun to reassess all HDM clients.
- ✓ Care packages and frozen meals are still being sent out weekly to clients to cover for the 2 days per week we are unable to deliver hot meals.
- ✓ All HDM equipment was inventoried for the change over from the Care Center to SC Jail. Meals started from the SC Jail on October 3rd.
- ✓ Totals for September 2022
Homebound meals: 1963 units for 96 clients
Congregate meals: 1343 units for 79 clients
Total meals: 3306 units for 175 clients
- ✓ Homebound deposits: \$1,613.00
Congregate deposits: \$192.00
Total deposits: \$1,805.00

Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-81
- ✓ RSVP-56 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips--86

RSVP

- ✓ The RSVP Annual Recognition Event was held on September 12th at the Villa Roma. Media coverage was provided by the Sullivan County Democrat. Two articles were featured in the Sullivan County Democrat on September 16th spotlighting the RSVP program.
- ✓ Recruitment Efforts: recruited 1 new volunteer for the OFA HICAP program; 1 at the Daniel Pierce Library; 1 at the Sullivan Catskills Visitor's Association; 2 volunteers at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance; 1 in our Medical Transportation program; 1 at the Sullivan County Historical Society; and 1 deciding on her placement.
- ✓ Attended United We Serve AmeriCorps Briefing, NSCA Town Hall Meeting, and AC Seniors Northeast Regional Office Hours. Attended and held RSVP Advisory Council meeting.
- ✓ Recruitment efforts are underway for our AARP Income Tax Aide program through press releases and email blasts. This past tax season 5 volunteers provided free tax preparation and filing at 5 sites in Sullivan County through the AARP Income Tax Aide Program. A total of 260 individual and joint returns were filed saving Sullivan County residents \$82,160 in tax return preparation fees. This year the program is being expanded to all low- and moderate-income families in Sullivan County.
- ✓ Preparation and submittal of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program New York State Progress Report for grant through the New York State Office for the Aging.
- ✓ Continue to utilize volunteers to act as Ambassadors to help promote the program.
- ✓ Handcrafted knitted items were donated to the 1st Way Life Center, United Way and the Kiwanis Club. Donated blankets to the Veterans Service Agency.
- ✓ Continue to receive generous donations from volunteers and community members of yarn to support our Needlework for Veterans Program and Needlework Program.
- ✓ Received free promotional items for the RSVP program including table clothes, banners, and pins from AmeriCorps.
- ✓ Prepared and submitted Resolution to Amend Resolution 441-21 to accept a grant award from the Corporation for National and Community Service and to accept multiyear funding in the amount of \$184,083.00 covering the performance period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025.
- ✓ Station monitoring is ongoing for upcoming Federal Progress report.
- ✓ Continue community outreach through email blasts including promotion of upcoming Volunteer Station events to promote the program.

Youth Bureau

Position: Youth Bureau Manager

1. Leading member if the "Systems of Care for Youth" study in cooperation with DSS and Community Services.
2. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.

3. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
4. 2021 claims were submitted.
5. Met with Monticello Central School, St. John Street to finalize Internship program.
6. Held Youth Bureau Advisory Council meeting.
7. Met with St. John Street School students and brainstormed what internship looked like to them.
8. Site visit – Town of Cochection
9. Site visit – SC Federation of Sportsman
10. Site visit – Boys and Girls Club Liberty Middle School
11. Attended the Healing Communities Study / United Sullivan Meeting.
12. Attended the System of Care for Youth.
13. Met with WJFF regarding internship possibilities and collaborations.
14. Collaboration efforts between the Wellness Committee and Youth Bureau discussion.
15. Met with MISN regarding collaboration efforts.
16. Committee meeting and member of the HVYBA Bylaws Committee.
17. Met with Town of Tusten to review claims.
18. Met with Town of Cochection to review claims.
19. Met with Comets to review claims.
20. Attended OCFS Bureau of Youth Development Call.
21. Set up meeting with Sullivan West Central School to discuss internship program.
22. Award letters executed to recipients of Youth Bureau funds.
23. Met with Tom Bosket (SALT) to collaborate with Youth Bureau.
24. Attended Youth Leadership Day at Bethel Woods.
25. Attended MLK 2023 planning meeting.
26. Attended the SALT lunchroom.
27. Collecting Halloween events around the county and distributing information.
28. Continuing to Laserfiche historical documents.
29. Began entering recipients of State funds into the QYDS system.

Position: Youth Internship Coordinator

Youth Bureau

- Supported Director with processing claims to Audit for Tusten, Comets Youth Football and Cochection.
- Coordinated claim meetings with Tusten 9/16 and Cochection 9/27.
- Sat in and wrote minutes for Youth Board meeting on 9/13.
- Updated spreadsheets to reflect progress of YB.
- Attended the Wellness program with Cornell Cooperative on *Healed-Centered Approach* for 3 Wednesdays.
- Collaborated with OFA staff to Laserfiche 2016-youth program and monitor forms.
- Attended Leadership Sullivan 2-day Conference.
- Coordinated site visits for YB Director to attend.

- Attend OFA Staff meeting.
- Met with Manager weekly for supervision.

Internship Program

- Updated intake packet
 - A. Application
 - B. Intern's Timeline
 - C. Parent Consent Form
 - D. Program Timeline
 - E. Program Information Distribution sheet
- Met with MCSD St. John Street Alternative School staff and students as well as the Sullivan County Chamber on 8/31, 9/21 & 9/29 to discuss implementation of the program.
- Created an outline for 2-week curriculum for internship training for youth which includes: what is an internship, financial literacy, soft and hard skills, obtaining, retaining and resigning from a job.
- Coordinated, attended and wrote minutes for YB Brainstorming Meeting with Commissioner, OFA Director and YB Director.
- Tour WJFF Radio station in Liberty and discuss what an internship would look like there on 9/7.
- Met with Internship Business Advisor on 9/8.
- Email business partners to update progress of the internship.