

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

June 2023

Workforce Development

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development's (CWD) big annual Job Fair was held May 4, 2023 at Resorts World Catskills. There were 63 businesses/vendors and 128 job seekers in attendance. The CWD received great feedback in all areas of the event. Statistics are being put together.
- ✓ The pilot Construction Trade program started April 10th, running Monday's & Wednesday's from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at SC BOCES. This is a short term, non-credit training. Resumes, interviewing skills, and work ethic will be presented by CWD on May 24th. The Construction Union as well as local businesses are scheduled to interview on May 31st, and a final graduation is scheduled for June 12th. Additional trades discussions are in progress to continue these efforts.
- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is underway. Eligible youth between the ages of 14-20 will engage in six weeks of paid work experience. This program is provided under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between CWD and DSS with funding coming through the NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA). The goal is to employ between 35 and 50 youth. To date 60+ youth applications and 9 Crew Leader applications have been received. Appointments are being scheduled for the month of June for interviewing and hiring. Site Agreements are being put in place for the eight (8) sites that will be used. Resolutions for Crew Leaders and Youth Intern pay rates and stipends has been approved, and Resolutions for the Tool Trailer, and Agreements for training are scheduled for June.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-06 was issued on March 10, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for in-School and Out-of-School Youth Services to be contracted with qualified organizations that can assist The Center for Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board. There were no responses to the RFP. The CWD will be putting MOA's in place with service providers for specific needs in order the meet the youth program service requirements.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-13 was issued on April 14, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for continuation of Digital Marketing Services for

the WIOA Youth. The CWD has chosen Bold Gold Media for the requested services. A Resolution has been submitted for approval.

- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; roll outs for Virtual Career Centers, Virtual Reality Training & Solutions, Youth Build Academy, Digital Literacy to all Career Centers, Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors, and a Teacher Ambassador Program. Trainings and updates continue for CWD staff.
- ✓ A meeting was held between CWD, Work Readiness Training and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to fulfill the need for businesses to train and retain staff. The CWD has current materials that were put together for in-house and virtual training, and will look at licensing this material, modifying some of the information, working with the Chamber to sell these services for a fee, and train on these business services.
- ✓ The CWD's Business Services is focused on removing the employment barriers and assisting businesses in finding employees. The objective is to have more businesses that participate as sites for our participants on public assistance, hiring people with disabilities, job sharing, On-The-Job Trainings; giving a second chance to ex-offenders, and much more. The new Job Developer is working with the Disability Resource Coordinator for round table events with businesses and getting out into the field to promote CWD's services.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
 - Social media:
 - 738 followers; April 2023 had a reach of 12,174 people with 747 Facebook page views (24% increase from April);
 - Social media posts about the Job Fair have reached over 9,000;
 - Center Services:
 - CWD provided services to 7 new business customers in the month of April, and 43 current business customers in this same time period.
 - CWD assisted 378 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of April 2023.

Labor Market Data for April 2023 compared to April 2022

- ✓ Sullivan County saw no increase in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.4% (100) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (March 2023 – April 2023) showed a decrease in nonfarm jobs of -1% (-300) and a decrease of -0.9% (-200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 5.9% (200)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.7% (200)
 - Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Education and Health Services at -4% (-300)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at -6.7% (-100)
- Government at -1.7% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Business and Professional Services
- Other Services
- Manufacturing

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.3% (213,600) in total nonfarm jobs and 2.4% (190,000) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 3.2% (69,400)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 7.5% (62,500)
- Professional & Business Services at 2.6% (35,500)
- Government at 1.6% (23,600)
- Natural Resources, Construction & Mining at 3.2% (12,300)
- Financial Activities at 1.7% (12,100)
- Other Services at 3.1% (11,800)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.9% (-13,100)
- Information at -0.7% (-1,900)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.4% (13,400) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.5% (11,900) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 7.8% (6,600)

- Education and Health Services at 2.7% (5,700)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 4% (2,300)
- Government at 1% (1,500)
- Other Services at 1.9% (800)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -0.9% (-1,000)
 - Information at -6% (-800)
 - Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-800)
 - Manufacturing at -1.6% (-700)
 - Financial Activities at -0.4% (-200)
- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.5% for April 2023 down from 3.1% in April 2022.
- April 2023 had 36,900 people in the labor force (35,900 employed & 900 unemployed). This reflects an increase of 100 employed and a decrease of -200 in the number reporting as unemployed leaving the labor force flat compared to April 2022. The total labor force decreased -0.8% from March 2023 to April 2023. There was a -0.3% (-100) decrease in employed workers and a -25% (-300) decrease in people reporting as unemployed.
- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for April 2023 is 2.3% compared to 2.8% in April 2022. This is the lowest March unemployment rate on record for the region dating back to 1990. The Hudson Valley region had the lowest unemployment rate in the State along with the Capital region.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 3.7% in April 2023 compared to 4.1% in April 2022.
- ✓ The April 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2% for Tompkins County to a high of 7% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.5% rate ranked 18th in the State along with Chenango, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Schenectady, Seneca, Washington and Wayne counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for April 2023:
- # 2 Rockland County at 2.1%
 - # 5 Putnam County at 2.2%
 - # 8 Westchester County at 2.3%
 - # 8 Dutchess County at 2.3%
 - #13 Orange County at 2.4%
 - #13 Ulster County at 2.4%
 - #18 Sullivan County at 2.5%

Transportation

- ✓ First quarter 2023 (January – March)
 - Move Sullivan routes – 16,058 rides
 - Move Sullivan paratransit – 234 rides
- ✓ Move Sullivan average daily ridership:
 - January - 235 rides
 - February – 266 rides
 - March – 286 rides
 - April – 315 rides

✓ County Transportation:

Month 2023	Veterans to the VA	Veterans in-county medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses
January	45		86	70
February	35		77	66
March	33		108	67
April	46		82	68
May		Began		
June				
July				
August				
September				
November				
December				
Totals				

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The CAC continues to distribute test kits throughout the county.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are continue twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.
- ✓ Provide monthly assistance to HV Food Bank mobile pantry in Town of Freemont
- ✓ A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition

Office for the Aging - Monthly Report: April 2023

Highlights:

- ✓ Monthly meetings with NYSOFA, Aging Association, Local Program Operations ongoing.
- ✓ Attended Leadership Institute in Watkins Glen, Director’s conference.
- ✓ RFP distributed to perform Community Needs Assessment for Sullivan County Seniors, specifically to address social isolation concerns since COVID and to facilitate planning for future initiatives, received 4 responses to be reviewed.
- ✓ Ongoing communication with RSVP Advisory Council and planning for 50th Anniversary Recognition event to be held at Villa Roma on September 20th.
- ✓ Office construction nearly complete, target move back date early May.
- ✓ Continue to work with community partners to inform staff of resources available to clients we serve, i.e. Alzheimer’s Association, Independent Living, ATI, etc.
- ✓ Conducting interviews with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the vacant Caregiver Coordinator position. Position still unfilled, ongoing discussion of strategies to increase recruitment of eligible candidates.
- ✓ Participated with other CBO’s at Golden Gems at Sleepy Hollow monthly meeting.
- ✓ Ongoing participation with Food Security Coalition, luncheon held April 19th for Food Pantry volunteers and staff was a great success, future events to increase communication, best practices and greater reach.
- ✓ Reopening of 2 congregate sites has met with great response, more to come in June.
- ✓ Monthly Hoot mailing list increasing, expanding to 12 pages in May, 3000 paper copies as of June to be distributed along with email and web-based version.
- ✓ New RSVP Coordinator started May 1st.
- ✓ RFP issued again for Legal Services with no responses. E-MDT is a resource available for complex potential abuse/exploitation cases.
- ✓ Preparing for busy outreach season across all programs in collaboration with Division.

EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)

April	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	20
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in April	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE April	1 non-EISEP
CASE FILES total open as of 4/30/2023 includes “bridge” clients pending MLTC	22 EISEP [+2 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 4/30/2023 [includes “bridge” clients]	6
CASE FILES reassessed in April	5
WAITLIST currently active as of 4/30/2023	6

HIICAP

- ✓ Client interactions – 21
- ✓ HIICAP counselors attended their annual Spring Training

NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -32
- ✓ We have attended the Golden Gems Breakfast at Sleepy Hollow, monthly, and will continue.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

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

Nutrition Program

- ✓ Our new RD Dietary contract with Caring SLP has begun. Currently we are communicating via email, hopefully we will be rolling out in person presentations at our nutrition sites for Nutrition Education programs.
- ✓ We participated in the Narrowsburg “Tusten Social” first Sage Session on 4/18. The evening was a success with about 40 attendees. The program started off with a trivia game which loosened everyone up. After that the conversations flowed and lots of resources were shared. It was a great success. The next session is scheduled for 5/16 and every first and third Tuesday of the month.
- ✓ On 4/24 and 4/25 the Nutrition staff completed an online certificate course for a Food Safety Course sponsored by NYSOFA.
- ✓ Totals for April 2023
 - Homebound meals: 1614 units for 98 clients
 - Congregate meals: 1304 units for 100 clients
 - Total meals: 2918 units for 198 clients
 - Homebound deposits: \$1,582.00
 - Congregate deposits: \$502.00
 - Total deposits: \$2,084.00

Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-82
- ✓ RSVP-38 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips—68
- ✓ Nutrition Site Transport- 40

Youth Bureau

1. Participated in SALT’s PARFACT meeting.
2. Participated in the United Sullivan meetings.
3. Participated in OCFS Youth Development meeting.
4. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau’s monthly meeting.
5. Participated in the wrap up and planning of future Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
6. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.
7. Launched the Youth Bureau’s Facebook page.
8. Held Youth Bureau’s Advisory Board meeting.
9. Participated countywide leadership class.
10. Submitted portions of the 2022 Youth Bureau claims.
11. Monthly co-hostess with Thunder 102 promoting the Youth Bureau.
12. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
13. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association Bylaws Committee.

14. Co-hosted Sullivan County Wellness Committee “know your numbers”.
15. Multiple consulting with recipients of State and County funding regarding vouchering for 2022.
16. Participated in the on-going System of Care for Youth in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
17. Orientated the Internship Coordinator.
18. Participated in “school safe ambassador program” information session with Sullivan 180 and the Orange County Youth Bureau.
19. Participated in Sullivan 180’s Municipal Youth, Parks & Recreation Forum.
20. Participated in County litter pluck.
21. Collaborated with the financial department to compose a financial cycle for the Youth Bureau to align with the State’s October to September cycle for funding.
22. Participated in the Mental Hygiene Services planning meeting.

Youth Bureau Internship

1. Attended first Youth Bureau Board meeting-will be on subcommittee to address by-laws.
2. Received New World tutorial.
3. Attended lunchroom chat meeting with SALT members-will be attending all three Lunchroom Chats in May.
4. Created curriculum, lesson plans and timelines for Youth Internship Program.
5. Site Visit to Monticello Boys and Girls Club-attended program for Virtual Reality headsets and Program overview by students. Attended Community Reception held afterwards by the students and staff.
6. Completed Youth Bureau claims
7. Attended DFC PARFACT meeting – Protection and Risk Factors Committee Meeting
8. Attended Safe School Ambassador Program Chat with Orange County Youth Bureau, Catholic Charities, and Sullivan 180.
9. Site Visit to Manor Ink to view students closing out this month’s issue.
 - Youth were engaged and a part of every step of the production of the newspaper; from photography, writing, editing, etc.
10. Attended Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association meeting via Zoom.