

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report August 2024

Office for the Aging (OFA) June 2024 Monthly Report

Monthly Accomplishments

OFA Director:

- Participation on Sullivan Catskills Food Security Coalition.
- Participation in quarterly Administrative Oversight Committee.
- Monthly Hoot distribution continues to increase via mail, email and drop off locations. Direct mail list has grown to over 560.
- Attended virtual trainings regarding upcoming Four-Year Plan from NYSOFA (New York State Office for the Aging).
- Attended Rural Health Network meeting- overhaul since being inactive, changes ongoing.
- Participation in E-MDT meetings (Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams) initiative through JFS (Jewish Family Services) to address complex cases of suspected or confirmed elder abuse with a financial exploitation aspect.
- Participated and spearheaded several local campaigns regarding June being World Elder Abuse Awareness month.
- Attended Aging Concerns Unite Us annual conference in Albany, June 24-26th. Intensive training on upcoming Four-Year Plan and receiving information regarding innovations throughout the Aging network.
- Continued distribution of freely available COVID test kits to community organizations.
- Received resignation effective July 26th of incumbent RSVP Coordinator due to relocation. Position has been approved to fill, awaiting eligible applicants to fill position.

RSVP:

- ❖ 51st Annual Luncheon Invitation finalized
- ❖ 51st Annual Luncheon Guest List finalized
- ❖ AmeriCorps Annual Progress Report corrections submitted on time
- ❖ Joined with Kelly, Melissa Stickle, and more to offer insight into a Geriatric Initiative program in Sullivan County
- ❖ Over 345 hours volunteered in June with a value of \$12,881 according to IndependentSector.org

Nutrition:

	Units:	Clients:	Contributions:
Homebound:	1,859	102	\$1,938.00
Congregate served at home:	235	18	
Congregate			

served at sites:	486	99	\$665.00
Guest:			\$13.50
TOTALS:	2,580	219	\$2,616.50

The reopening of congregate nutrition sites in Bethel, Liberty and Jeffersonville is going well, and as the weather and outreach has improved, will continue growing.

Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Coupons will be ready for distribution the first week of July. We expect to be allocated 1000 booklets of \$25 coupons to be distributed to eligible older citizens.

Transportation:

- 105 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 190 SCT Shopping Trips
- 62 RSVP Medical Trips
- 2 Medical Trips provided by OFA staff
- 49 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

Legal referrals: 15 individuals received legal assistance through Rural Law Center of NY.

Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)

Caregiver Support Groups offered:

In person: June 10, June 24

Virtual/zoom: June 5, June 19

Starting in July, both Caregiver support groups will be offered once per month:

In-person: 2nd Monday each month at 12:00 with lunch (registration required)

Virtual: 2nd Wednesday each month at 6pm

Bone Builders (Osteoporosis prevention). Another 10-wk series will be offered starting Sept. 19 – Nov. 20, held weekly on Thursdays from 11-12.

Registration is required at www.sullivance.org/events

CRC Coordinator

-attended VA Caregiver Summit at Castle Point in June.

- Completed 2024 NY Agency on Aging: Design Concepts for Livable Homes and Aging in Place and has received a CAPS certification. (*Certified Aging in Place Specialist*)

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention – Second class of 15 seniors graduated June 17

Plan to schedule another series this Fall

Upcoming:

July 16 – “Take the Mystery Out of Medicare” hybrid workshop 11-12pm

A Parkinson’s Support group is now meeting monthly 2nd Wed at 4pm at CCE Sullivan and supported by the Caregiver Resource Center registration is available but walk-ins are welcome.

NY Connects:

- 111 contacts for June.
 - NY Connects staff has spent significant time this month contacting senior housing for farmer’s market coupon distribution.

HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program):

- ❖ 26 clients served.

PERS (Personal Emergency Response System):

- 23 clients currently receive PERS through CSE, EISEP & IIIE funding.

EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program):

EISEP FULL-SERVICE CASEFILES during June	total
Casefiles already open as of 6/1/24	31
Casefiles opened 6/1/24-6/30/24	4
Casefiles closed 6/1/24-6/30/24	(0)
Casefiles open as of 6/1/24-6/30/24	35

Sullivan County Youth Bureau:

- ❖ The Youth Bureau continues to send out weekly blasts and Facebook posts. A new initiative started on 6/27, where the YB will highlight their site visits with a fun picture and various site pictures with [#SCyouthbureausummeradventures](#) as the tagline.
- ❖ The Youth Advisory Board met on June 11th.
- ❖ 15 contracts were prepared and ready for the Legislature to approve. Insurances and Declarations continue to be an issue due to new requirements from County Attorney’s office. Awardees will adjust as they become more familiar with the new requirements. Once the Legislature approved, all 15 were sent out for signature. Awaiting their return.
- ❖ YB attended 3 meetings with the NYS Youth Bureau Association, one of which is a subcommittee on trainings to be held at the 2024 NYS YB Conference. The conference will be held down in Westchester 10/22-10/24. They requested “things to do in our local area”. A list was sent from the Visitor’s Association flyer.

- ❖ Two site visits were completed; Livingston Manor-Roscoe Little League and Woodridge Housing Authority. Many more to come through the summer.
- ❖ Claims for state \$ have started to come in. This is excellent because they aren't due until October 6th. First time we've gotten them before the due date.
- ❖ Attended/participated in weekly Untied Sullivan call.

Transportation

- The annual NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) Bus Inspection System Operator Profile summarizes the results of vehicle inspections performed on a fleet by the DOT during the last State fiscal year (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024). For regular inspections, the profile identifies the number and percentage of vehicles that passed or were placed Out - of-Service (OOS) due to one or more OOS defects. The current statewide average of OOS rate is 4.2% (95.8% pass rate). Sullivan County Transportation had an OOS rate of 0% (100% pass rate) based on 6 inspections.

County Transportation:

Month 2024	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In-County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses	Seniors to Congregate Sites	Meals Delivered
January	50	12	70	150	*	*
February	38	17	79	147	*	*
March	47	42	112	158	*	*
April	59	29	105	181	35	407
May	51	29	121	190	41	416
June	33	17	111	191	38	351
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

Move Sullivan 2024	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	436 (21 days)	9,154	230
February	472 (20 days)	9,447	218
March	478 (21 days)	10,048	262
1st Quarter Totals		28,649	710
April	490 (22 days)	10,775	272
May	521 (22 days)	11,469	298
June	546 (20 days)	10,910	259
2nd Quarter Totals		33,154	829
July			
August			
September			
3rd Quarter Totals			
October			
November			
December			
4th Quarter Totals			
Annual Totals			

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ Continued distribution of test kits and masks.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are bi-monthly.
- ✓ Support HV Food Bank monthly mobile pantry efforts in Freemont, Yulan and Fallsburg.
- ✓ A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition.