

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

May 2023

Workforce Development

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development's (CWD) Annual Countywide Job Fair will be held May 4, 2023 at Resorts World Catskills. Vendor spots are filled at 65 with a waiting list. Advertising with social media and radio, and an insert in the SC Democrat are in place for job seekers. The County Transportation Department will provide a shuttle service from Walmart to Resorts World the day of the job fair.
- ✓ The pilot Construction Trade program started April 10th, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at SC BOCES Career and Tech Center. Nine individuals are enrolled. This short term, non-credit training will lead to employment. Resumes, interviewing skills, and work ethic training will be presented by CWD staff and businesses looking to hire will meet with the trainees.
- ✓ 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. Applications for Crew Leaders are available. 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.
- ✓ A meeting was held between the CWD, Work Readiness Training LLC and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the needs of businesses in training and retaining staff. The CWD has an in-house program that was designed for in person and virtual training that will be modified to meet the needs of the businesses. This will be a fee for service model.
- ✓ 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. Responses to this RFP are due back by April 28th.
- ✓ The Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) 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 New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) under the NY SCION grant. A new hire started April 10th. Required training and certifications should be completed within a few months, and round table events are being put together along with a resource guide and flyers.

- ✓ The CWD has hired a new Student Intern through the County initiative who started on March 27th, working with the Youth Coordinator. A new Employment and Training Specialist has been hired and started April 5th filling a vacancy created by a promotion to Job Developer.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls are occurring; Virtual Career Centers are under way and CWD staff received training; Coursera for online learning is in place; Virtual Reality Training and Solutions is also being rolled out by NYSDOL to provide participants with training in high-demand jobs; NYSDOL is putting together a Youth Build Academy as all local areas are struggling to meet their measurers and provide services for youth; NYSDOL is adding Digital Literacy to all Career Centers in response to the needs for job seekers. This is two-year pilot program is being rolled out across the State.
- ✓ The CWD's Business Services has undergone revisions with the objective to have more businesses support work experience opportunities for participants receiving public assistance, hiring people with disabilities, job sharing, On-The-Job Training contracts; giving a second chance to ex-offenders, and much more. The new Job Developer is in place and is working with the DRC for round table events with businesses and getting out into the field to promote CWD's services.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
 - Social media:
 - 702 followers; March 2023 had a reach of 9,575 people with 635 Facebook page views;
 - Social media posts about the Job Fair have reached over 5,000 people to date;
 - Center Services:
 - CWD provided services to 3 new business customers in the month of March, and 35 current business customers in this same time period.
 - CWD assisted 422 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of March 2023.

Labor Market Data for March 2023 compared to March 2022

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase of 2.8% (800) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 3.6% (800) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (3.6%). Lewis County had the highest nonfarm growth rate among small counties in NYS at 6.3% followed by Sullivan County at 2.8%. Lewis County had the highest private sector growth rate among small counties in NYS at 7.7% followed by Sullivan County at 3.6%.

Please note: The net month (February 2023 – March 2023) showed an increase in nonfarm job of 1% (300) and an increase of 0.9% (200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 15.6% (500)
 - Manufacturing at 10.5% (200)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.7% (200)
 - Business and Professional Services at 5.6% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at -6.3% (-100)
- Education and Health Services at -1.4% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Other Services
- Government

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.7% (256,700) in total nonfarm jobs and 3.2% (250,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 4.0% (86,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 8.6% (69,300)
- Professional & Business Services at 3.2% (42,700)
- Financial Activities at 2.9% (20,600)
- Natural Resources, Construction & Mining at 5.4% (20,200)

The only sector to lose jobs overall was Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-7,300).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1% (9,100) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.4% (10,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 8.2% (4,500)
- Education and Health Services at 2% (4,300)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.8% (3,900)
- Financial Activities at 0.4% (200)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Government at -0.9% (-1,400)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.8% (-1,400)
- Information at -6% (-800)
- Other Services at -0.2% (-100)
- Professional Business Services at -0.1% (-100)

Manufacturing saw no job growth.

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.2% for March 2023 down from 3.7% in March 2022.

March 2023 had 37,200 people in the labor force (36,000 employed & 1,200 unemployed). This reflects an increase of 300 employed and a decrease of -200 in the number reporting as unemployed for an overall increase of 200 people in the labor force compared to March 2022.

The total labor force increased 0.8% from February 2023 to March 2023. There was a 1.4% (500) increase in employed workers and a -7.7% (-100) decrease in people reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for March 2023 is 2.9% compared to 3.3% in March 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 Long Island region.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4% in March 2023 compared to 4.7% in March 2022.
- ✓ The March 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.4% for Tompkins County to a high of 6.9% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.2% rate ranked 16th in the State along with Monroe and Yates counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for March 2023:
 - # 2 Rockland County at 2.6%
 - # 3 Putnam County at 2.7%
 - # 7 Westchester County at 2.9%
 - # 7 Dutchess County at 2.9%
 - #10 Orange County at 3%
 - #12 Ulster County at 3.1%
 - #16 Sullivan County at 3.2%

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
- ✓ County Transportation:
 - January:
 - 45 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 70 Shoppers
 - 86 Medical transports
 - February:
 - 35 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 66 Shoppers
 - 77 Medical transports
 - March:
 - 33 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 67 Shoppers
 - 108 Medical Transports

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 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 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: March 2023

Highlights:

- ✓ Monthly meetings with NYS Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), Aging Association, Local Program Operations ongoing.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal (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.
- ✓ Ongoing communication with RSVP Advisory Council and planning for 50th Anniversary Recognition event to be held at Villa Roma on September 20th.
- ✓ Ongoing-temporary relocation of all staff while office is expanded and renovated. Appointments with clients can be conducted by appointment in the Government Center, at the Transportation Building, in client homes or other community locations as needed.
- ✓ 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 in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension in search of filling vacant caregiver coordinator position. Position still unfilled, ongoing discussion of strategies to increase recruitment of eligible candidates.
- ✓ Participated with other Community Based Organizations (CBOs) at Golden Gems at Sleepy Hollow monthly meeting.
- ✓ Ongoing participation with Sullivan Catskills Food Security Coalition.
- ✓ Reopening of 2 congregate sites, more to come in near future.
- ✓ Monthly Hoot mailing list increasing, newsletter expanding to 12 pages in May.
- ✓ New RSVP Coordinator starting May 1st.

EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)

EISEP March 2023	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	20
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in March	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE March	2
CASE FILES total open as of 3/31/2023 includes “bridge” clients pending MLTC	22 EISEP [+2 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 3/31/2023 [does not include “bridge” clients]	5
CASE FILES reassessed in March	3
WAITLIST currently active as of 3/31/2023	15

- ✓ Assisting clients eligible for Medicaid transition smoothly while maintaining or increasing services in the interim.

- ✓ EISEP updated eligibility to reduce overlap for clients eligible for Medicaid.

Legal Services

- ✓ Another Legal RFP issued after discussion with potential provider. Awaiting response.
- ✓ E-MDT is a resource available for complex potential abuse/exploitation cases. Attorney from E-MDT met with OFA staff to discuss two specific cases for further actions.

HIICAP

- ✓ Client interactions – 41

NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -68
- ✓ Attended quarterly NYSOFA; led NYConnects training call.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

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

Nutrition Program

- ✓ Isolation and lack of socialization has been a huge concern for our senior clients these last few years. With SC Transportation fully staffed, we have begun to re-open our nutrition sites for congregate lunch, giving our seniors another option to receive a hot meal and socialize with their friends.
- ✓ Mamakating and Livingston Manor (Rockland) opened this month and the response was better than expected. Mamakating has had on average 30 – 40 seniors attend, while Rockland has 12 plus a few that still participate in the Grab-n-Go lunch program.
- ✓ Liberty and Jeffersonville are on schedule to be the next sites to re-open, and we are still looking for a building equipped with a kitchen to open a nutrition site in Monticello area.
- ✓ Ongoing discussion with Narrowsburg Lutheran church to open a Nutrition site. Our previous site at the town Hall is undergoing renovations so we are unable to return at this time.
- ✓ The Liberty Rotary received a grant and has asked to partner with the Home Delivered Meal (HDM) program. Last month they sent small gifts and offered a pen-pal program to all of our HDM clients. They will also recognize all men and women for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day with small gifts of appreciation.
- ✓ Totals for March 2023
 - Homebound meals: 1719 units for 86 clients
 - Congregate meals: 1302 units for 103 clients
 - Total meals: 3023 units for 191 clients
 - Homebound deposits: \$1,759.00
 - Congregate deposits: \$339.75
 - Guest deposits \$9.00
 - Total deposits: \$2107.00

Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-108
- ✓ RSVP-42 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips—67

Youth Bureau

1. Participated in SALT's PARFACT meeting.
2. Participated in the United Sullivan meetings.
3. Participated in NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development meeting.
4. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau's monthly meeting.
5. Participated in the planning committee meeting for the Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
6. Participated, hosted and presented at the Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
7. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.
8. Submitted a portion of the 2022 Youth Bureau claims.
9. Monthly co-hostess with Thunder 102 promoting the Youth Bureau.
10. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
11. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association Bylaws Committee.
12. Participated in Sullivan County Wellness Committee meeting.
13. Participated in Cornell Cooperative Extension lunch room "chat".
14. Multiple consulting with recipients of State and County funding regarding vouchering for 2022.
15. Participated in the on-going System of Care for Youth in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
16. Interviewed for the Internship Coordinator Position and filled the position.
17. Collaborated with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to develop a financial cycle for the Youth Bureau to align with the State's October to September cycle for funding.
18. Participated in a collaborate lunch meeting with Sullivan 180 regarding programing targeting youth in Sullivan County.
19. Offered training to the designated OFA staff on Canva.
20. Participated in the Mental Hygiene Services Planning Meeting.