

# Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

## Workforce Development

- ✓ SUNY Sullivan is rescheduling the first CNA class, but no date has been set yet. The program is six weeks of classroom training and two weeks of clinical work at Roscoe nursing home. Additional sessions will be offered throughout the year. Recruitment continues.
- ✓ About 40 youth will be working for the 2022 Summer Youth Employment Program. Sites are being filled with a start date of July 11<sup>th</sup> thru August 19<sup>th</sup>. We are contracting with our local radio station Bold Gold where 9 youth will learn advertising, radio, digital media, editing, podcasting, and much more. We have two outdoor crews with 7 youth each working at various sites throughout the County creating and maintain our trails. Additional independent sites are being set up as well.
- ✓ Johnson Technical College is working with SC BOCES on a use of facilities agreement in order to begin the first Automotive/Diesel Mechanic trade. JTC is revamping the program with a start date coming soon.
- ✓ USDOL has issued State allocations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Sullivan Counties allocations for the program year 2022 show an increase in Adult funding by 8.61%, an increase in Dislocated Worker funding by 31.43% and an increase in Youth funding by 9.47%. The funding should come in October 2022.
- ✓ The 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.  
Update: Kathleen Poitras has been hired and will be certified by the end of July which is a requirement. County Legislatures approved the Resolution to sign all Agreements for the County to work with NYESS who will be the administrator of the revenue for the Ticket to Work Program. FBI fingerprinting and background checks to be completed for three staff members essential to this program.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal (RFP) for In-School Youth services was issued and one response was received. The proposal

submitted by Hospitality Green will be providing services to youth at Fallsburg High School in September.

### **Labor Market Data for May 2022 compared to May 2021**

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase 6.2% (1,700) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 8.4% (1,800) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (8.4%).

*Please note:* The net month (April '22 – May '22) showed a gain of 2.8% (800) nonfarm jobs and a gain of 3.6% (800) private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 37.1% (1,300)
  - Manufacturing at 12.5% (200)
  - Other Services at 10% (100)
  - Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 7.7% (100)
  - Information at 100% (100)

The County showed job losses in:

- Government at -1.7% (-100)
- Education and Health Services at -1.4% (-100)

All other industries showed no job growth in May 2022 over May 2021.

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 5.5% (474,400) in total nonfarm jobs and 5.8% (436,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 22.9% (161,000)
- Professional & Business Services at 6.6% (83,600)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.5% (62,700)
- Education and Health Services at 2.5% (51,400)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.9% (17,100) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 2.8% (21,300) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 11.4% (9,000)
- Other Services at 11.4% (4,400)
- Professional and Business Services at 3.7% (4,100)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 1.0% (1,700)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Government at -2.8% (-4,200)
- Education and Health Services at -.03% (-600)
- Financial Activities at -0.2% (-100)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.0% for May 2022 down from 4.9% in May 2021.

May 2022 had 37,400 people in the labor force (36,200 employed & 1,100 unemployed). This reflects an overall increase of 1,300 people in the labor force compared to May 2021.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for May 2022 is 2.9% compared to 4.6% in May 2021.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.1% in May 2022 compared to 7.0% in May 2021.
- ✓ The May 2022 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.3% for Saratoga to a high of 8.0% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.0% rate ranked 26th in the State along with Cayuga, Essex, Franklin, Orange, Warren and Westchester Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for May 2022:
  - # 5 Rockland County at 2.6%
  - # 8 Putnam County at 2.7%
  - #16 Dutchess County at 2.8%
  - #16 Ulster County at 2.8%
  - #26 Westchester County at 3.0%
  - #26 Orange County at 3.0%
  - #26 Sullivan County at 3.0%

### **Transportation**

- ✓ The Move Sullivan public transit routes provided in the last quarter of 2021 an average of 314 rides per week and 6 residents access the complementary paratransit services.
- ✓ The request for NYSDOT approval of two proposed expansion routes has been submitted. Will do a formal presentation to the Legislature once State level approval has been received.

### **Community Assistance Center (CAC)**

- ✓ The CAC has been coordinating the countywide mask and test kit distribution.
- ✓ We are working with towns, villages, libraries, pharmacies, food pantries, housing complexes, community-based organizations and businesses to help with distribution in their communities.

- ✓ 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: May 2022**

### **EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)**

<b>EISEP/Unmet Needs, May 2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	27
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in May	2
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE May	1
CASE FILES total open as of 5/31/22	29 EISEP [+ 3 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 5/31/22 [does not include “bridge” clients]	15
CASE FILES reassessed in May	2
WAITLIST currently active as of 5/31/22	27

- ✓ Will Care and Anytime Home Care and Community Home Health Care have begun to accept clients.

### **Legal Services**

- ✓ There were no referrals to legal services this month. Still awaiting a response RFP for a new Legal Services provider due to retirement of provider.

### **HIICAP**

- ✓ client interactions - 29
- ✓ HIICAP information being distributed at outreach events.

### **NYConnects**

- ✓ Client interactions -13
- ✓ NYConnects staff have been at 4 libraries throughout the county distributing materials and speaking with residents, Liberty, Roscoe, Daniel Pierce Grahamsville, Fallsburg.

### **Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)**

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

### **Nutrition Program**

- ✓ 12 new referrals; 9 new cases opened, 3 assessments pending
- ✓ Nutrition referrals are on the rise. Food insecurity is still a big concern. Although COVID is not the main trigger, economy, cost of food and supply seems to be the culprit now.

- ✓ Senior Farmers Market coupons are \$25 booklets this year that is an increase of \$5. They will be available to all eligible seniors throughout NYS.
- ✓ Nutrition dept. will be partnering with CCE and local FM for distribution of the coupons.
- ✓ Currently we have 5 Nutrition sites open, serving HDM 3 days week.
- ✓ Hoping to fill the transportation vacancies. August we are scheduled to open 2 of our sites (Livingston Manor, Mamakating) for one day of Congregate meals.
- ✓ Socialization for our seniors is so important after 3 years of isolation. Transportation vacancies have made it impossible to reopen the congregate sites.

	Units:	Clients:	Contributions:
Homebound:	1989	95	\$1389.00
Congregate:	1508	74	\$63.00
Total:	3497	169	\$1452.00

### **Transportation**

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-56  
     RSVP-49 trips  
     Shopping Bus trips--89

### **RSVP**

Community outreach in collaboration with the Office of Human Rights, included meeting with the Lumberland Seniors Group; residents of the Livingston Manor Sherwood Heights Senior Apartment complex; and the Liberty Commons Senior Apartment complex. An overview was provided of the many services provided through the Office for the Aging and RSVP bringing an awareness to community members who were not aware of the many services offered. Recruited 2 new RSVP volunteers from the Liberty Commons outreach meeting. Performed an onsite visit with Volunteer Station, the Time and the Valleys Museum.

Recruitment for the month included: 2 new volunteers at the Sullivan County Historical Society; 1 new volunteer at CASA who is also taking a second placement as one of our friendly RSVP Telephone Reassurance volunteers; and 2 new volunteers for our Telephone Reassurance Program. For the hours reported to us year to date, volunteers put in over 5,744 hours, equating to an estimated national value of \$163,941.

RSVP Coordinator partnered with the Town of Lumberland in sending out informational flyers during the annual tax bill mailing highlighting the many services provided through the Office of the Aging and the RSVP program. Flyers will be included in the annual Town and County tax mailing in January of 2023 at no cost to RSVP and the Office for the Aging.

RSVP staff and the RSVP Recognition Event Committee have been busy planning the annual Recognition Event. Council Member and Treasurer, Marion Ziegler was able to secure a free four (4) page special section in the Sullivan County Democrat celebrating our volunteers. Volunteers were Invited to come and get

their photographs taken for the upcoming Recognition Event and share their personal stories on volunteering.

Two programs under RSVP, the RSVP Veterans Coalition Program and the RSVP Medical Transportation program, provide services to our area Veterans. The Veterans Coalition Program is a peer based program having Veterans serving Veterans. Volunteers under this program volunteered more than 572 hours utilizing 5 Veteran volunteers, serving 23 Veterans in our last reporting period. In addition, RSVP volunteers under the Medical Transportation program provided transportation to area Veterans both in and out of County. RSVP through the Cards for Veterans program, crafted artisan cards for Memorial Day, as they do for other major holidays and was distributed through the Veterans Service Agency to local Veterans. Through our Fiber Arts Program, volunteers continue to handcraft knitted items, including much needed blankets for distribution to local Veterans in our nursing homes.

Diversity and Inclusion being an integral part of our AmeriCorps grant, volunteers were surveyed as required through the grant. Below is a breakdown in “percentages” for those who responded to the 2022 survey.

<b>RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION</b>	<b>Percentages</b>
African American/Black	4
Asian/Asian American	2
Hispanic/Latinx	4
Native American or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
White/Caucasian (non Hispanic)	84
Two or More Races	4

<b>GENDER</b>	
Female	73
Male	27
Gender Fluid/Do Not Identify as Male or Female	

<b>LGBTQIA</b>	
Identify as a member of the LGBTQ community	2
Do not identify as a member of the LGBTQ community	67

<b>DISABILITY COMMUNITY</b>	
Identify as a member of the Disability community	16
Does not identify as a member of the Disability community	71

<b>VETERAN/MILITARY/FAMILY MEMBER</b>	
Veteran	11

Not a Veteran	56
Spouse of a Veteran	23
Veteran Family Member	22
Active Military Member	0

Conferences and meeting attended: AmeriCorps virtual conference on 5/11 and 5/12; Sullivan County Senior Alliance meeting; RSVP Town Hall meeting; NCNS Town Hall meeting; and AmeriCorps Seniors Northeast Regional Office meeting.

**Youth Services:**

- ✓ A new Youth Internship Coordinator has been hired to start on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Applications for OCFS/County funding have been received and are under review.
- ✓ Processing 2021 claims and following up with programs for additional documentation.
- ✓ Meetings with a variety of community organizations.
- ✓ Continue to hold and lead regular scheduled meetings of the Sullivan County Youth Board.

**Youth Services:**

- ✓ A new Youth Services Manager has been hired to start on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ A new Youth Internship Coordinator has been hired to start on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Notice was issued for the 2022 OCFS program funding. Applications were due May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✓ Processing 2021 claims and following up with programs for additional documentation.
- ✓ Working with Division of Health and Family Services staff on updating the OCFS Integrated County Plan. The updated plan is due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ Continue to hold and lead regular scheduled meetings of the Sullivan County Youth Board.

**THE NEED FOR CDL B DRIVER WITH PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT FOR 14 PASSENGERS****Transportation Dept.**

- **Nutrition – deliver meals on wheels to homebound residents**  
**Right now, 3 days per week instead of 5**
- **Shopping buses for seniors – instead of 10 runs 5 days per week**  
**they are alternating those 10 runs in 2 days per week**
- **Bring Veterans to both Albany and Castle Point VA medical centers**
- **Before years end we will start providing in county medical transport for veterans as well.**
- **They transport seniors who are registered with OFA for in county medical appointments.**
- **They deliver food for the CAC.**

**Total of 6 drivers but are down 3 drivers, one due to medical leave.**  
**We are advertising.**  
**Please refer.**