



Sullivan County

Health & Human Services

Meeting Agenda - Final

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chairman Catherine Scott
Vice Chairman Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Amanda Ward
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Thursday, January 16, 2025

11:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Division of Health and Human Services
January 2025
Monthly Report

[ID-7092](#)

Attachments: [2025-01 HHS Monthly Report](#)

Presentation:

1. The Field Office

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. To enter into a contract with Bold Gold Media Group for Community Services. [ID-7035](#)
2. To authorize county manager to enter into agreements for funding and the provision of child care related services [ID-7069](#)
3. To authorize county manager to enter into agreements for the provision of various medical assistance program related services [ID-7070](#)
4. To authorize county manager to enter into agreement with SCCCC Inc. for the provision of informal child day care related services [ID-7071](#)

5. To authorize county manager to enter into agreement with Greater Adult Neighbors DBA Arcadia Residence [ID-7072](#)
6. To authorize agreement between Sullivan County Department of Social Services and Preventive Service Providers [ID-7093](#)
7. To apply for and accept the NYS OMH Crisis Intervention Team Grant for technical assistance and training. [ID-7096](#)
8. TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE TO THE CARE CENTER AT SUNSET LAKE. [ID-7103](#)
9. In support of EverGreen Meadow Services' application for a USDA Rural Loan to establish EverGreen Meadow Academy. [ID-7104](#)

Adjourn



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Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

File #: ID-7092

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

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Sullivan County Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS) -- Monthly Report – January 2025

Roadmap to Better Health Implementation

- Sullivan County Community Assistance Center Hotline: 845-807-0925 - National Suicide Hotline: 988 - Hope Not Handcuffs: 833-428-HOPE
 - Hudson Valley Fearless! (Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Support Hotline): 845-562-5340

Strategy	Update on Activities Supporting the Strategy	Key Performance Indicators Positive Trend = GREEN, Negative = RED Totals current as of submission date:	
Ease Access to Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Mental Health Services: Later this month, our developing Community Trauma Response Team will receive a full day of training from OMH to ready the team to respond to incidents. • Stabilization Center: St. John’s Episcopal Church in Monticello is working with an architect to redevelop an aging structure on their property, and they are interested in working with the County on the possibility of hosting the center in their newly designed structure. They have been an excellent community partner via their AA/NA, warming center, and food pantry efforts. Their site would be an excellent location, and a new structure would enhance security and safety in the neighborhood. We will explore this possibility and keep Monticello and County leaders informed. 	Participating Unite Us Agencies	36 Local 203 Regional
		Unite Us Cases	906 (+131)
		Percentage of Cases Open/Resolved	53.58% (-3.84%) (System average, 51.81%)
End the Opioid Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in Overdoses in November: Monthly 911 overdose responses decreased again in November. Of the nine reported overdoses, the majority involved alcohol, OTC pain killers, or a non-opiate prescription medication. • Inpatient Treatment Returning to Sullivan County: After several months of coordination and negotiations, Lexington Center for Recovery is preparing to open an inpatient treatment facility within Garnet Health-Catskills. The facility is expected to open in early 2025. 	911 overdose responses in November	9 (-2)
Enhance Our Community (Focused on Housing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Housing Update: As with the past few years, warming centers are open from 8pm-8am, 7-days per week. As they are not shelters, they cannot routinely be open on a 24-hour basis, but DSS does support guests during extreme daytime conditions. • Family Centered Case Management: Currently interviewing candidates for the fully state-funded case manager. The contract expansion with HONOR requested by resolution in December is also fully covered by the same funding from OTDA. • Shelter Update: DSS and DPW continue to work with HONOR Inc. to prepare an HHAP grant request for the next review (expected April '25). 	Emergency Shelter Census (as of 1/2)	353 (-11)
		Family Groups Sheltered	59 (+7)
		Safe Options Support Team Progress (July-November)	782 encounters 85 persons seen 51 enrollments
Encourage Healthier Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Task Force Established: DHHS is taking steps to integrate several committees and the array of services and supports provided to parents and youth across Sullivan County as part of our United Sullivan coalition. The Task Force’s first combined meeting was held on 10/23/2024. A second meeting held last month defined pillars (similar to our Drug Task Force organization) and established a set of goals and initiatives among participating partners. • Building Campaign for Youth Vaping and Alcohol Use Prevention: DHHS is partnering with BOCES, Sullivan 180, SALT and others to address the growing youth vaping problem. SALT is conducting “compassionate compliance” checks at local businesses while others develop a plan to make use of funds to come from the national Juul lawsuit settlement. A very successful initial planning meeting was held with stakeholders last month. Next meeting is planned for February. 		



United Sullivan Network

For more information:

www.unitedsullivan.org

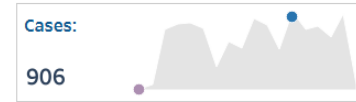
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• **Hudson Valley Social Care**

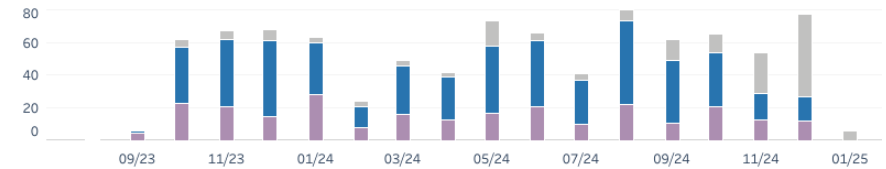
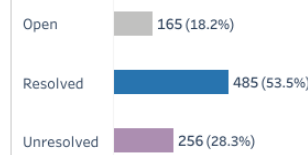
Network Taking Shape: Aside from easing access to care for local citizens, the key reason DHHS started the County's presence on the Unite Us network was to be prepared to take advantage of Medicaid funding that was expected to come available under major policy changes from a federal Medicaid waiver program. The regional Social Care Networks that will handle billing and payment are now active. Our regional network is operated by Hudson Valley Care Coalition (HVCC). The HVCC is providing guidance to community organizations (including the 36 Sullivan County Unite Us partner agencies) which, **starting on January 17th**, will allow these agencies to bill Medicaid for four types of essential services (housing, nutrition, non-medical transportation and case management) to eligible Medicaid participants. HVCC has released a readiness assessment to participating non-profits, a financial modeling tool to plan for new service delivery, and is finalizing a fee schedule to aid non-profits in developing staffing and workflows that will support these new revenue opportunities. Following the completion of the above onboarding measures, non-profits will be able to enter into contract with HVCC to provide billable Medicaid services.

Activity

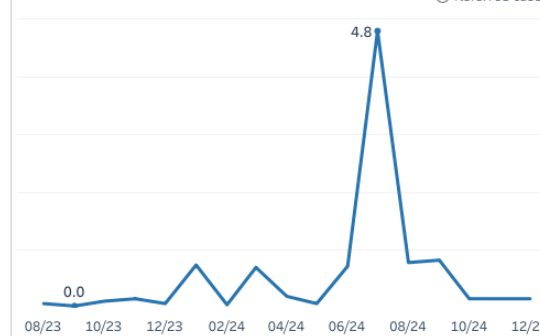
A closer look at clients' cases, resolutions, and organizations.



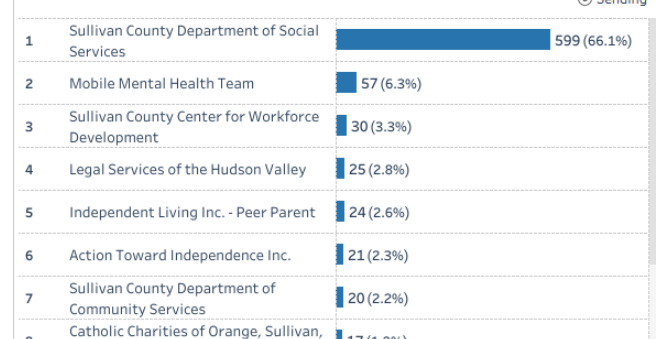
Cases Resolution and Volume Over Time



Median Time to Referred Case Acceptance (Days)



Sending Organizations Breakdown by Volume of Cases



• **Network Member Update:** The following chart provides the complete list of Sullivan County agencies currently active on Unite Us.

Liberty Police Department	The Center for Discovery	Rehabilitation Support Services	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Dept of Community Services
Sullivan County Probation	Dispute Resolution Center	Sullivan 180	Office for the Aging	Dynamic Youth Community
HONOR, INC.	Dept of Public Health	Sullivan County Youth Bureau	Action Toward Independence	Catholic Charities - Behavioral Health
Every Person Influences Children	Lexington Center – Liberty and Monticello	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills	Community Action – Liberty and Monticello Offices
Independent Living, Inc – Peer Diversion & Peer Parent	Independent Living, Inc – Independent Living Skills	Catholic Charities – Human Services	Center for Workforce Development	Sullivan Allies Leading Together INC.
Mobile Mental Health Team	Restorative Management	Dept of Social Services	Bridge Back to Life Mobile Unit	Choices Mental Health Counseling
Sun River Health	Community Home Health Care	Astor Services		

Care Center at Sunset Lake Key Statistics			
Monthly Total Expenses to Date	Monthly Cash Receipts	End of Month Census	Meals Prepared for Residents
\$1,144,144.63	\$1,097,919.17	128	10,989
Admissions / Discharges (to home or Assisted Living)	Total Day Care Visits	Total OT treatments	Total PT treatments
14/15	0	797	934

Administrator and Deputy Administrator Comments:

- The facility had a COVID outbreak to include 22 residents and 12 staff. At this time no COVID is in the building.

Overall Facility Rating – 2/5 stars (below average):

- Health Inspection (2 Star) and Quality Measures (2 Stars) increased after the most recent survey.
- Plan of Correction was approved for the Clinical and Environmental Surveys.

Staffing (3 Stars):

- We continue to work with staffing agencies and recruiting and hiring efforts are ongoing
- NYS DOH confirmed via letter received November 12, 2024, that the Care Center is staffed in accordance with the 3.5 hours per resident, per day standard of care established in state law for Quarter 2 of 2023

Nursing and Physical Therapy Update:

- Worked in rehab to use memory strategies to reminisce about favorite holidays and Thanksgiving
- The residents worked together to create a Thanksgiving themed tree
- Worked as a community to screen for balance impairments and to decrease falls by improving the balance of all our residents.
- Other activities included cooking, crafting and planning for December holiday activities.

Activities Department Update:

- New group games: Wacky Wordies, Hot Rocks, Dice Roll and Feuding Families
- Family Thanksgiving dinners for each unit
- Thanksgiving games like Gobble Gobble, Turkey Day Trivia and Thanksgiving Day Puzzles



Department of Community Services (DCS)

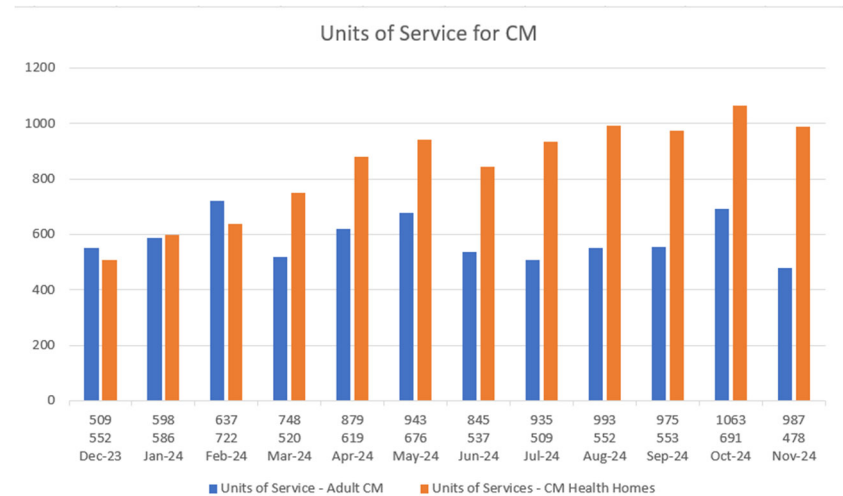
For more information: (845) 292-8770,

<https://sullivanyny.us/Departments/CommunityServices>

National Suicide Hotline: 988 Mobile Mental Health – 24-hour hotline: (800) 710-7083, Face-to-Face Outreach Monday-Friday 8am-8:30pm, Saturday-Sunday 8am-12am

Children’s Mobile MH: (845)701-3777

Care Management (CM): The Care Management unit continues to actively engage & work with clients for both of the Health Home agencies and the HARP Services (Health and



Recovery Plan) which are Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans. As of the end of November 2024, there are five active Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) orders and there are two people on enhanced AOT services.

Adult & Children's SPOA:

- On November 14, 2024, the Adult SPOA Committee met via Zoom with 13 new cases reviewed and 11 previous cases were reviewed.
- The total of 140 RSS beds with 194 people on the waiting list and 3 openings.
 - There are 7 people on the list for Family Care with no openings.
 - RSS Community Residence: 12 beds, 52 on the waiting list with no openings.
 - RSS Sullivan Treatment Apartment Program: 29 beds, 31 on the waiting list with one opening to be filled next month.
 - RSS Sullivan County Respite: 1 bed, 2 on the list & it is unavailable.
 - RSS Supportive Apartment Program: 39 Regular and 16 L/S, 68 on the waiting list, one opening for Supported Housing.
 - RSS Invisible Children's Apartment Program: 6 beds, 7 on the waiting list, with one opening.
 - RSS Chestnut Street Apartments: 37 beds, 34 on the waiting list with no openings.
- Coordination of referrals and ongoing collaboration with service providers continue. Clients were recommended for/linked to various services, including: behavioral health treatment providers, RSS housing (apartment program and community residences), Access: Supported Housing, Sullivan PROS Program, OFA, APS, Action Toward Independence, Independent Living, Inc., and Care Management services.
- Children's SPOA Committee met via Zoom on November 21, 2024 and went over two new referrals and four previous referrals were reviewed.
- The Coordinator organized and facilitated the monthly Adult & Children SPOA Committee meetings (review of incoming referral packets, typing the case presentations, agenda, meeting minutes, waiting lists). Coordinator also conducted follow up throughout the month and completed monthly SPOA related data reports.

Behavioral Health Clinic (Mental Health and Substance Abuse):

- High Risk Clients: In November 2024, there were 169 clients on the roster for high risk census.
- Open Access is Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Local Government Unit Activities:

Substance Use Task Force:

- **Goals:** Reduce substance abuse, improve mental health, enhance community safety, and promote policy reform.
- **Approach:** Prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support, and interagency collaboration between law enforcement, public health, and community organizations.
- **Data:** Working with Catalyst Research regarding data for each pillar and the task force as a whole.

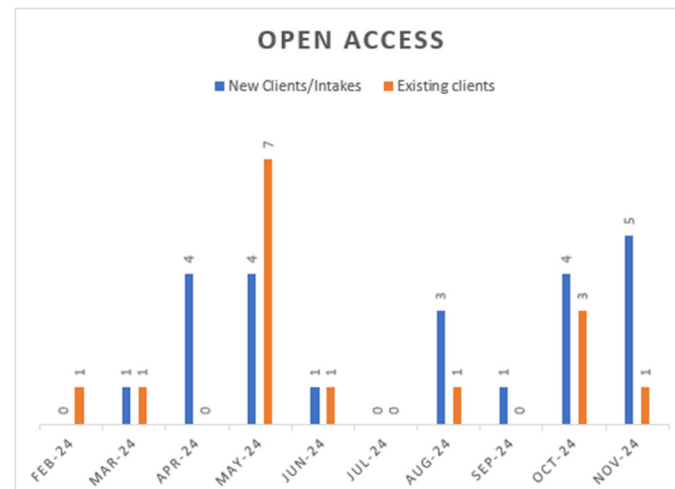
Fatality Review Board:

- Ongoing meetings focused on policy development and process/protocol establishment.
- Attended a FRB in Dutchess County in preparation for a mock case to be presented to the Steering community to aide with procedural guidelines and meeting structure.

OASAS Opioid Abatement Funds:

- RFP awarded to Restorative Management, Catalyst Research, Nikki Jones, and Sullivan 180. RFP was sent out with few responses, will meet with Pillar leads regarding utilization of funds.

Mobile Crisis Services: RFP issued in May 2024 to enhance services for adults and youth. Response received, and ongoing discussions with the state. Concerns with RFP submission regrouped and submitted a plan to enhance/supplement current services provided to OMH awaiting response



Dept. of Community Service Stats:

SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES						
STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR: November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024						
Prepared by : Sara A. Cole						
PROGRAM	ON ROLLS:			CLIENTS		UNITS OF SERVICE
	11/1/2024	ADMISSIONS	DISCHARGES	11/30/2024	SERVED	
SC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC ADULT	426	20	10	436	446	330
SC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC CHILD	9	0	0	9	9	2
SC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC FORENSIC	65	4	5	64	69	57
SC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC MICA	14	0	0	14	14	Included In Clinic Adult
SC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC MAT	8	2	0	10	10	Included In Clinic Adult
TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH	522	26	15	533	548	389
SC CARE MANAGEMENT	24	1	0	25	25	465
SC HEALTH HOME- ADULT	48	3	3	48	51	371
SC HEALTH HOME - KENDRA, AOT and HH+	15	3	0	18	18	198
SC HEALTH HOME - CHILD	13	1	2	12	14	107
SC HEALTH HOME - OUTREACH	14			14	14	311
SC CM CCSI						13
TOTAL HEALTH HOME CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS	100	8	5	103	114	1,154
SC SPOA - Adult	49			49	49	407
SC SPOA - Child	12			12	12	102
TOTAL SPOA	61	0	0	61	61	509
	# of calls	#of ph interv	Outreaches	Hosp Divers %	Hosp Admit %	
MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH	286	81	32	78	71	

Mobile Mental Health Team

Month/Year	Incoming Calls	Initial Phone Contacts	Outreaches	Diversion Rate	Hospital Referrals	Admissions	Admission Rate
Nov-23	404	139	31	62%	12	4	33%
Dec-23	449	85	9	100%	0	n/a	n/a
Jan-24	280	83	11	73%	2	2	100%
Feb-24	311	88	16	88%	2	1	50%
Mar-24	252	93	16	81%	3	0	0%
Apr-24	259	86	24	83%	4	4	100%
May-24	305	99	29	79%	6	4	67%
Jun-24	249	83	30	67%	6	4	67%
Jul-24	335	101	30	77%	7	5	71%
Aug-24	323	111	38	79%	8	5	63%
Sep-24	286	89	27	74%	7	6	86%
Oct-24	298	94	42	88%	5	4	80%
Nov-24	286	81	32	78%	7	5	71%



Department of Social Services (DSS):

For more information on our report or to request assistance with benefits: (845) 292-0100

Public Assistance Program Highlights:

Medicaid: DOH is looking to resume in person quarterly meetings with local staff that were suspended during COVID.

Both Community and Chronic Care Medicaid are receiving a continuous volume of new applications. Caseload in general continues a slow decline (see below) due to ongoing post-COVID transitions to the NY State of Health marketplace, but increased eligibility for higher-need patients is sustaining our local workload.

Child Care: Childcare portion of the Children and Family Services Plan approved; direct deposit will be available to childcare providers, effective January 22nd.

HEAP: Our HEAP unit has Processed 1096 applications since the start of the season as well as issuing 151 HEAP benefits to 151 SNAP cases. Emergency benefits became available on January 1st.

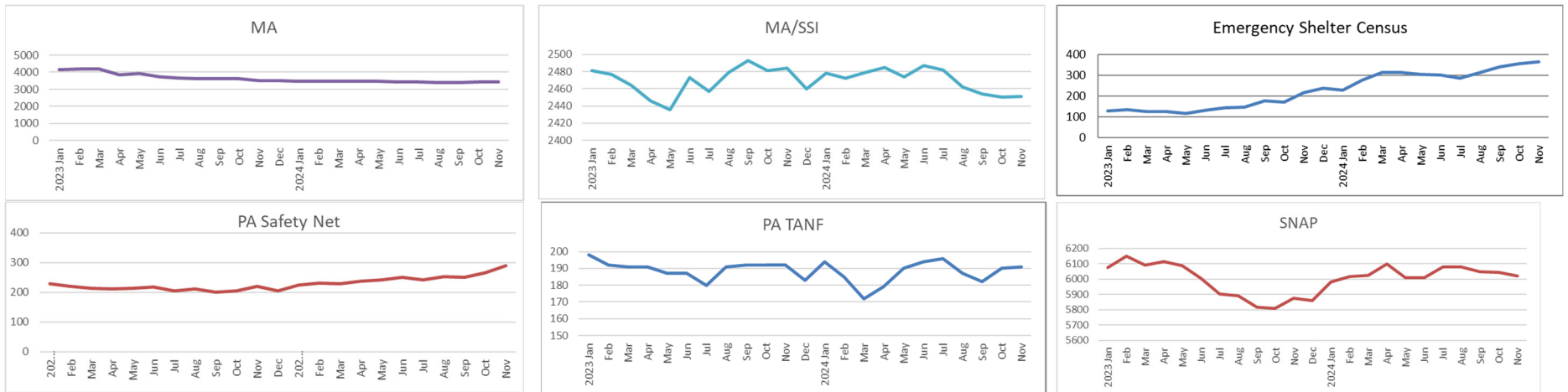
HOUSING: We recently rearranged staff assignments to help with the flow of applications and management of the ongoing very high caseload. Early indications are that these changes are helping – hotel billing and payment have accelerated and, in spite of seeing more people in the cold weather, emergency shelter census ticked downward between Thanksgiving and New Years.

Rental Supplement Funding received from New York State: \$240,957.00

Active Rent Responsibility \$ 86,546.31 (31 active clients), Arrears paid \$ 31,377.80, Security Deposits \$ 8367.00

DSS management staff conducted OPERATION: CONNECT at all the hotels we use for emergency housing just prior to Thanksgiving. We contacted a large percentage of our clients in an effort to both improve current living conditions and help them navigate paths to permanent housing.

Public Assistance Cases (as of 11/30/2024)				
Temp. Assistance to Needy Families	Safety Net	Food Stamps	Medical Assistance	MA/Supplemental Security Income
192 (no change)	289 (+22)	6020 (-22)	3419 (+2)	2451 (+1)
Homelessness Snapshot (as of 11/30/2024)				
Code Blue	Quarantined	Adults / Children	Sex Offenders	Emergency Shelter Census
0	0	258/109 (+5/+3)	21 (+3)	364 (+9)



Temporary Assistance Case Trend Charts: Aggressive management of emergency shelter benefits and more dedicated efforts to transition emergency shelter clients to permanent housing appear to be supporting a levelling-off of census growth that had resumed in the Fall of 2024. Growth in Safety Net clients appears to be mostly in sync with emergency housing trends. Medicaid enrollment generally continues on a slow downward trend, aligned with the ongoing unwind of pandemic benefits and transition of legacy DSS Medicaid clients to the NY State of Health marketplace.

Fraud Investigations (as of November 30, 2024)						
Collections	Cases Active	Cases Referred	Completed	Arrests	Pending arrests	Burials
\$21,544.79 (-22,317.83)	215 (+15)	32 (-6)	17 (-39)	1 (-1)	4 (-/+0)	9 approved (+3) \$15,958.00 costs (+\$4,819.00)
Child Support Enforcement Cases (as of November 30, 2024)						
Collections	Petitions Filed	Paternity Establishments		Total Cases		
\$759,690 (+175,437)	26 (+6)	8 (-7)		2,750 (-16)		

Child and Adult Services:

Service Quality Improvement Plan Update: Each of the four projects under this plan are listed below with status updates in the right column:

Provide More Efficient Transportation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New transportation policy drafted on 11/4/24, realigning staff to support new policy. New transportation planning calendar developed. Case aides integrated into CPS, Preventive, and Foster units to enhance responsiveness
Lifecycle Management for Child Welfare Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New case management dashboard drafted on 11/5/24. Developing data collection procedures to maintain the dashboard. Lifecycle Management starting this month, updates will be provided in this report next month.
Enhance Information Management and Cross-Department Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITS established a shared network folder for use by DSS and County Atty. Folder is in regular use by DSS and County Attorney staff. First <i>Better for Families</i> stakeholders meeting of Family Court participating completed on 12/16/24. Next meeting for stakeholders scheduled for 2/4/25. First DSS-School District held at Fallsburg CSD on 1/10/25

Improve Staffing for DSS and County Attorney's Offices

- Kristin Hackett assumed duties as lead attorney for DSS portfolio. Andrew Lessig started work – third FT attorney supporting DSS.
- One new caseworker, start date: January 13th. 1 Supervisor, 1 Senior, and 1 additional caseworker position currently open due to internal promotions
- Now recruiting to fill three caseworker and two case services aide positions added to 2025 budget as per Bonadio Group's recommendations.

ADULT SERVICES UNIT:	2023 TOTAL	2024 YTD	2024 NOV
PERSONAL CARE AIDES			
CASES OPENED	16	29	3
CASES CLOSED	17	18	3
# CASES (AVG.)	30	34	33
PERS			
# CASES (AVG.)	0	0	0
APS REFERRALS			
16A Neglect/Abuse	37	24	3
16B Neglects Own Basic Needs			
16B Neglects Own Basic Needs	113	62	6
16B Untreated Medical Conditions	33	32	2
16B Self-endangering Behaviors	15	18	0
16B Unable to Manage Finances	36	45	2
16B Environmental Hazards	21	33	0
APS			
CASES OPENED	261	213	13
CASES CLOSED	251	222	10
# CASES (AVG.)	148	152	148
GUARDIANSHIPS			
OPEN	38	37	-1
REP PAYEE			
OPEN	TBD	107	1

FOSTER CARE STATISTICS				CHILD PROTECTIVE STATISTICS			
	NOV 2024	Trend	Goal		2023	YTD 24	NOV 24
Kinship%	15.52%		20%	# New Reports	1410	1321	101
Congregate Care%	15.52%		16%	# Indicated Reports	174	190	10
Total in Care	116		< 100	Physical abuse	14	16	0
RTF	0			Emotional abuse	0	0	0
Diagnostic	1			Sexual abuse	13	5	0
RTC	9			Neglect	62	88	6
Group Home	2			Domestic violence	13	15	0
Therapeutic Foster Home	28			Educational neglect	39	33	1
Regular Foster Home	51			Substance abuse	33	28	2
Kinship	18			1034	0	5	1
Other	7			# Unfounded Reports	710	434	17
Freed for Adoption	14			# Closed FAR	49	218	11
Certified Homes	76			# Court Ordered 1034s	36	57	6
Newly Certified Homes	0		5x # in c	PREVENTIVE SERVICES STATISTICS			
Number of Closed Homes	2			NEW REFERRALS	5		
New Kinship Homes	2			TOTAL CASES	78		
Pending Certification	8						
Completed Adoptions	0						

Public Health Department: For more information on our report: (845) 292-5910, [sullivan.us/Departments/PublicHealth](https://sullivan.ny.gov/Departments/PublicHealth)

Director's Comments:

- Continue to have key vacancies in training and quality and epidemiology supervisor
- Reviewing contract options for medical consultant/medical director for 2025
- EI HUB continues to prove challenging and negatively impact work flow for that program
- Transportation issues persist within CYSHCN



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CHHA: Certified Home Health Agency

- We are looking to add clinicians to address the growing need of the community and continue to hold interviews with qualified applicants
- NTUC rate decreased this month

SCDPH CHHA/ MCH/ LT Performance Indicators:																	
Measure/Indicator	2023 YE Score	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Target 2024	Current vs. Goal	Trend	Best Practice
Admissions (2024)		102	88	113	94	105	107	126	106	95	126	106					10%
Admissions (2023)	1285	144	131	129	109	108	111	127	103	109	104	98	86				10%
Average Daily Census		166	179	186	186.9	175.4	178.6	184.5	194	184	211	214		n/a			
Prior Year (2023)	2137	184	198	202	183	173	170	173	166	160	179	176	173				
Productivity		4.38	4.50	4.43	4.81	4.96	5.05	4.92	5.08	4.95	4.80	5.17					7
Prior year	4.48	4.63	4.80	4.65	4.55	4.70	4.30	4.74	4.60	4.76	4.55	4.63	4.23	5.50			7
Overtime: total		120.5	153	194	134.5	135	129	174	185	135	148	158					
prior year	160.3	89	115	122	122	121	127	129	131	131	134	138	161	85.00			

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
Census	Average daily census of 214	Census is holding steady
Productivity	5.17 across all disciplines	Improved from 4.80 in October

Health Education / Rural Health Network

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
Workplace Wellness	PH educator to continue leading workplace wellness. More employee wellness initiatives to be implemented in the coming months	Walking challenge ended and the winner was announced. Will continue to look for more wellness opportunities for staff
Outreach / Lesson Plans	Finalized the PH website / dashboard	Will be in communication with ITS and communications to post
Narcan Training / Harm Reduction	Narcan trainings continue as well as participation in preparing Narcan kits for the vending machines	
Rural Health Network	RFP submitted for new grant cycle.	RHN will be promoting rural health wellness in December with billboards and PSAs

- Initiated CHW’s internal transportation / client intake form
- 18 outreach events for the month
- Participated in Teen Vaping Roundtable Discussion with Sullivan 180

Healthy Families

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
Capacity	48 enrolled families. September 2023-August 2024 monthly average was 32.	Up from 44 last month. Capacity is 60; continuing to build capacity with full staff.
Home Visits	101 out of 133 expected home visits completed. 880 visits.	Improved number of contacts versus previous annual average. <i>Continue to work to get numbers back to 100% of expected visits.</i>
Assessments Completed	6. 20 total assessments 9/23-8/24.	Number of assessments ahead of previous year's average.
Cribs Provided	4 cribs provided in November, 21 from 9/23-8/24	Last month was above monthly average.
Referrals	Healthy Families received 10 referrals. Of them 2 we continue to outreach to, 5 have enrolled in the program, and 3 were referred to other programs.	Referrals are remaining steady. We have 3 referrals that Family Resource Specialists are reaching out to.

- State compliance visit completed November 20th. The program met 11 out of 16 performance goals. Those not met include:
 - Retention rate of participants at one year
 - Service plan implementation and initiation
 - Program capacity also was below target rate. It was recognized that this is mostly due to new staff having to have a smaller caseload until they have more experience.
 - PIP completed and submitted to OCFS on January 13th.
- New grant year began October 1 for the car seat program. Distributions will be included in this report again next month.

Maternal Child Health/CAPTA-CARA

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
Referrals	13 referrals	<i>Referrals decreased from last month. 26 taken under care, 10 taken under care, 3 NTUC due to refusal</i>
Census	44	<i>Census remaining steady from last month</i>
Outreach	<i>Outreach to community partners continues</i>	<i>Recruiting continues for an additional MCH RN</i>

- Referrals continue to be made from many community partners.
- Productivity is at 4.4
- 2 Newborn screens completed
- Continue to look for additional RN to meet increasing need of the community

Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs / Early Intervention

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
CPSE	Caseload is 230	<i>Increased from 218 last month</i>
EI		<i>EI information was pulled directly from coordinators reports as there is still no report available in the EI HUB</i>

	21 referrals	EI referrals down 1 from last month
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Program/Indicator	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Trend
EI Referrals 2024	23	14	25	27	23	15	22	18	19	22	21	0	
EI Referrals 2023	30	14	17	28	29	19	16	19	18	35	21	31	
EI OSC Caseload 2024	48	42	42	49	56	56	38	42	32	*	37*	0	
EI OSC Caseload 2023	86	86	98	110	111	112	100	96	78	64	57	50	
EI Active Cases 2024	198	185	190	201	206	208	209	195	176*	153*	171*	0	
EI Active Cases 2023	199	191	198	241	246	243	245	245	235	235	204	194	
CPSE Caseload 2024	279	287	294	306	311	312	145	155	196	218	230	0	
CPSE Caseload 2023	264	245	281	302	306	306	139	146	209	232	246	252	

2024	Total Claimed	Total Paid
School-Age	\$ 788,317.90	\$ 649,353.00
Service Coordination	\$ 13,485.24	\$ 11,590.20

- Attended corporate compliance meeting
- Attended Family Health Committee meeting
- Attended 1 supervisory/monitoring visit
- EI HUB continues to be challenging.
- Attended weekly NYSACHO meetings with PCG about the EI HUB
- Attended autism conference
- Attended tri-county collaboration meeting

Disease Surveillance and Investigation and Emergency Preparedness

Goal / Area of Focus	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
Immunization Program	Vaccinated 52 people for flu, COVID, VFC, VFA	Flu clinics for VFA/VFC continue
Rabies	31 incidents with 22 dog bites, 8 cat incidents, and 1 wildlife exposure; 1 bat. 2 animals were tested, 0 positives in November.	YTD we have 352 exposures, up from 317 in 2023. We also have more positive animals than in the last 5 years.
STI	20 lab reports for the month, 14 new cases of Chlamydia, 2 Gonorrhea, and 2 Syphilis cases for the month	458 syphilis lab reports reviewed. No new cases in November.
Tuberculosis	1 active case being treated out of county. 2 suspect cases, 4 LTBI immigration follow-up cases.	Suspect cases are interjurisdictional and locating of patients have begun.
Lead Poisoning Prevention	97 reports	1 new elevated blood lead level
COVID	115 reported cases	Down from 185 last month
Other Communicable Diseases	Large increase in RSV with very little Flu.	181 total RSV cases, 35 flu.
Emergency Preparedness	Attended the LEPC meeting with our community partners	Continue EP planning and community outreach
MRC	Working on Operational Readiness Award	ORA grant submitted

- Additional rabies clinic held in the Town of Thompson on 11/20, 81 animals vaccinated.
- Total of 6 rabies clinics YTD.
- Additional animal tested positive for rabies in beginning of December in Bloomingburg.
- Number of infectious disease investigations continues to be high.

Program Area	Update / Progress	Key Indicators/ Trends
HIPAA/Corporate Compliance	Routine walk-throughs were conducted without notable areas of issue	

Training and Quality	<i>T&QI position vacant. Will continue to promote position for replacement</i>	
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Other Program Areas

- Bonadio will begin looking at policies for DSI, CHHA, CYSHCN, and fiscal.

Division Staffing Update

Staffing Update: Position Title & No.	Notes
Community Services (8 Positions Vacant, 46 Authorized, 17.39% Vacant)	
Account Clerk/Database #3039	Starting 12/2
Assistant Social Worker II, #0369, #3210	Approved to fill
CS Coordinator, #3206	Starting in Dec
Database Clerk, #3300	Approved to fill
Dual Diagnosis Specialist, #0472	Starting 12/16
Staff Social Worker I, #3288, #3677	Interviewing
Public Health (22 Positions Vacant, 80 Authorized, 27.5% Vacant)	
Early Intervention Service Coordinator, #1707	
Epidemiological Supervisor, #3579	
Financial Account Clerk, #3593	OMB for PH
Licensed Practical Nurse, #1636	Posted
Personal Care Aide, #3654, #3655	
PH Nurse, CHHA #2729, #3419, D&T #2927, #2784PD	Posted
Public Health Director, #2925	Start 12/30
Public Health Occupational Therapist, #3340(PD)	
Public Health Physical Therapist, #3667 (PD), #3555	
Registered Nurse, CHHA #747, #2875, #2502(PD), #2782(PD), Core #2373, D&T #3634	Posted
Training & Quality Improvement Coord, #3524	
Supervising Comm Health Nurse, #148	

Social Services (12 Positions Vacant, 175 Authorized, 6.85% Vacancy Rate)	
Account Clerk, #119	
Account Clerk/Database, #2222, #1058	Interviewing
Case Supervisor, #3133	Interviewing
Caseworker, #2950	Continuous Recruitment
Family Services Case Manager, #3678	Interviewing
FS Investigator, #459	Created a trainee position and promoted from within
Sr. AC/DB, #3223, #2688	Canvassing
Sr. Caseworker, #2599	
Sr. Family Services Investigator, #3249	Posted – Child Support position
SWE, #2899	Posted – Interviewing



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100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

File #: ID-7035

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

To enter into a contract with Bold Gold Media Group for Community Services.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$108,000.

Are funds already budgeted? Yes (Opioid Settlement Funds)

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOLD GOLD MEDIA GROUP AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, proposals were received for RFP#: R-24-38; OASAS Authorized Settlement Funded Services in support of the Sullivan County Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Bold Gold Media Group, 198 Bridgeville Road, Monticello, New York 12701 is one of the best fitting proposals for such work; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services has approved said proposal and recommends that an agreement be executed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Bold Gold Media Group, at a cost not to exceed \$108,000 per year, in accordance with the RFP#: R-24-38, for a one year period, with the option to extend on a yearly basis for four (4) additional years, however if the funding ceases then the agreement terminates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract to be such form as the County Attorney’s office shall approve.



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File #: ID-7069

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize county manager to enter into agreements for funding and the provision of child care related services

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$114,859.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: 140-3.3

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR FUNDING AND FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE RELATED SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Social Services, is able to provide for certain child care related services for eligible Sullivan County families by obtaining funding through a state memorandum of understanding with New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services desires to enter into an agreement through a memorandum of understanding with OCFS to obtain funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services also desires to enter into agreement with the Sullivan County Child Care Council for provision of child care registration and inspection related services, at a cost not to exceed the amount funded by OCFS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute agreements to obtain funding and provide services for the provision of child care registration and inspection related services during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at a cost not to exceed the amount funded by OCFS; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said agreement will be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's office.



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File #: ID-7070

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize county manager to enter into agreements for the provision of various medical assistance program related services

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: 140-3.3 Contracting for professional services with predetermined rates.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Social Services, is required to arrange for the provision of various Medical Assistance (MA or Medicaid) program services for eligible Sullivan County individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services contracts with various Fiscal Intermediaries and State Approved Providers for Personal Care Services and/or Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, payments for the aforementioned services are made through eMedNY at New York State approved rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute agreements for the provision of various Medical Assistance program services, as detailed above, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said contracts will be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.



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File #: ID-7071

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize county manager to enter into agreement with SCCCC Inc. for the provision of informal child day care related services

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$120,800

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: 140-3.3

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILD CARE COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF INFORMAL CHILD DAY CARE RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Social Services is required to arrange for the provision of Informal Child Day Care related services including the provision of Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Social Services contracts with the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc for those services; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc is capable of and willing to provide these services at a combined cost not to exceed \$120,800 during the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc for Informal Child Day Care related and CCTA services during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the contracts are at the County’s discretion, subject to annual appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the maximum of the contracts not to exceed the Department of Social Services budgeted amount for informal child day care related services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said agreement will be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney’s Office.



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File #: ID-7072

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 5.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize county manager to enter into agreement with Greater Adult Neighbors DBA Arcadia Residence

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: 140-3.3 Contracting for professional services with predetermined rates.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH GREATER ADULT NEIGHBORS DBA ARCADIA RESIDENCE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, in accordance with 18 NYCRR Section 505. 35 an assisted living program must establish a contract with the social services district in which the assisted living program is operating prior to the issuance of an operating certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to establish an agreement with Greater Adult Neighbors DBA Arcadia Residence as they are in the process of trying to obtain an operating certificate for an assisted living program; and

WHEREAS, payments for the aforementioned services are made through eMedNY at New York State approved rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute agreements for the provision of assisted living program services with Greater Adult Neighbors DBA Arcadia Residence, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said contracts will be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office



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File #: ID-7093

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 6.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize agreement between Sullivan County Department of Social Services and Preventive Service Providers

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$1,070,426

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: RFP-24-42 Advocacy and Support Services;18 NYCRR 423

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND PREVENTIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Social Services are executing agreements for services for Advocacy and Support Services related to 18 NYCRR part 423 Preventive Service Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Preventive Services are provided with a purpose of averting a disruption of a family which will or could result in placement of a child in foster care; enabling a child who has been placed in foster care to return to their family at an earlier time than would otherwise be possible; or reducing the likelihood that a child who has been discharged from foster care would return to care; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to award a portion of R-24-42 to the below listed vendors;

- Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference, for the provision of Family Advocacy and Mentorship services at an annual cost not-to-exceed \$648,761; and
- Rehabilitation Support Services, for the provision of Multisystemic Therapy services at an annual cost not-to-exceed \$421,665.

WHEREAS, for a period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. These agreements may be extended, upon mutual agreement, for four (4) additional years on a yearly basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the aforementioned vendors for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This agreement may be extended, upon mutual agreement, for four (4) additional years on a yearly basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said contracts will be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.



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File #: ID-7096

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 7.

Narrative of Resolution: To Apply for and Accept the NYS OMH Crisis Intervention Team Grant for technical assistance and training.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE NYS OMH CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Division of Forensic Services is accepting applications for a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Division of Forensic Services CIT Program is providing technical assistance and training; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Division of Forensic Services CIT Program is funding law enforcement for every officer who completes the training up to \$1,500 per officer; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services would like to apply for the CIT grant for technical assistance to start a CIT Team for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration in Sullivan County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and/or their authorized representative (as required by the funding source) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the Crisis Intervention Team grant application due for submission on January 24, 2025; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and/or Chairman of the County Legislature (as required by the funding source) to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the CIT grant program, in such a form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that should the CIT grant program be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of the grant program.



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File #: ID-7103

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 8.

Narrative of Resolution:

TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE TO THE CARE CENTER AT SUNSET LAKE.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0.00

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE TO THE CARE CENTER AT SUNSET LAKE.

WHEREAS, the Care Center at Sunset Lake was offered used equipment and furniture from the closing of Garnett Health Medical Center - Catskill, Skilled Nursing Unit (“SNU”); and

WHEREAS, the SNU wishes to provide the Care Center at Sunset Lake with various equipment and furniture that they are no longer in need of; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes and accepts the donation of equipment and furniture from Garnett Health Medical Center - Catskill Skilled Nursing Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature appreciates the generous donation made by Garnett Health Medical Center - Catskill SNU and formally thanks them for their generous donation to Sullivan County for the benefit of all current and future residents at the Care Center at Sunset Lake.



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File #: ID-7104

Agenda Date: 1/16/2025

Agenda #: 9.

Narrative of Resolution:

In support of EverGreen Meadow Services’ application for a USDA Rural Loan to establish EverGreen Meadow Academy.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

IN SUPPORT OF EVERGREEN MEADOW SERVICES’ APPLICATION FOR A USDA RURAL LOAN TO ESTABLISH EVERGREEN MEADOW ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature is deeply committed to addressing the mental health crisis affecting youth within our community and across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revealed alarming statistics, including that one in three girls have considered suicide, and many have been subjected to sexual violence at increasing rates; and

WHEREAS, hospital emergency departments across New York State have seen rising numbers of young girls in crisis, underscoring the urgent need for more residential treatment options to support their recovery and growth; and

WHEREAS, EverGreen Meadow Services (EGMS) is applying for a USDA Rural Loan to construct EverGreen Meadow Academy, a residential treatment center and middle school for girls at risk of self-harm and suicide, in rural Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, EverGreen Meadow Academy will provide a nurturing, nature-based environment that is ideally suited for helping girls from across New York State learn, heal, and thrive in a serene rural setting; and

WHEREAS, this project will also deliver significant economic benefits to Sullivan County, including the creation of construction jobs in addition to 100 new, permanent, well-paying positions with excellent health, retirement, and training benefits, fostering economic growth in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby expresses its full support for EverGreen Meadow Services’ application for a USDA Rural Loan to construct EverGreen Meadow Academy in Sullivan County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature recognizes this project as a compassionate and practical solution to the urgent mental health crisis facing youth in our state, while also contributing to the economic vitality of our rural community.