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Planning and Community Development Committee - April 7, 2022

### Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

#### Workforce Development

- ✓ Job Fair scheduled for April 6 from 11:00am until 3:00pm at the Kartrite Water Park.
- ✓ SUNY Sullivan has rescheduled the first CNA class for April 25<sup>th</sup>. The program is six weeks of classroom training and two weeks of clinical work at Roscoe nursing home. There are plans for 3 additional sessions. Recruitment continues.
- ✓ Planning has begun for the 2022 Summer Youth Employment Program.
- ✓ Johnson Technical College has received all necessary approvals and work is underway to begin offering courses.
- ✓ USDOL has issued State allocations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). We are awaiting estimated allocations for the 2022 program year.
- ✓ NYSDOL provided all 33 local workforce areas with \$100,000 annually for three years through the NY Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network pilot program (NY SCION). These funds will support a Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) in each local area. The mission of the NY SCION program is *to improve the participation of individuals with disabilities, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in workforce systems and improve their employment outcomes via a sustainable job driven, inclusive model that involves businesses and workforce demand.*

The DRC 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. Interviews are scheduled.

*Update:* A person has been hired as the new Disability Resource Coordinator and is scheduled to start April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Labor Market Data for January 2022 compared to January 2021

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase 3.1% (800) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 4.9% (1,000) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the second fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (4.9%).

*Please note:* The net month (December '21-January '22) showed a loss of -1.1% (-300) nonfarm jobs and a loss of -0.9% (-200) private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 23.3% (700)
  - Other Services at 12.5% (100)
  - Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 9.1% (100)
  - Manufacturing at 6.3% (100)
  - Professional & Business Services at 6.3% (100)

The County showed job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -2.4% (-100)

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

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 5.8% (497,900) in total nonfarm jobs and 6.4% (466,100) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 40.3% (219,900)
- Professional & Business Services at 6.4% (77,900)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.4% (57,300)
- Education and Health Services at 2% (41,000)

The State showed job losses in:

- Construction at -.06% (-2,000)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 2.5% (22,000) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 3.6% (26,000) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 18.2% (11,600)
- Professional and Business Services at 4.6% (4,800)
- Other Services at 10.3% (3,800)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 2.1% (3,600)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Government at -2.7% (-4,000)
- Natural Resources, Mining and Construction at -1.7% (-900)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 4.1% for January 2022 down from 6.5% in January 2021.

January 2022 had 35,800 people in the labor force (34,300 employed & 1,400 unemployed). This reflects an overall decrease of -300 people in the labor force compared to January 2021.

In January 2020 the unemployment rate was 4.4%. There were 1,300 more people in the labor force (37,100) then in January 2022.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for January 2022 is 3.6% compared to 6.1% in January 2021.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 5.3% in January 2022 compared to 9.3% in January 2021.
- ✓ The January 2022 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.8% for Tompkins County to a high of 10.3% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 4.1% rate ranked 31st in the State along with Chemung, Oneida, Otsego and Washington counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for January 2022:
  - # 4 Putnam County at 3.3%
  - # 4 Rockland County at 3.3%
  - # 9 Dutchess County at 3.5%
  - #13 Ulster County at 3.7%
  - #13 Orange County at 3.7%
  - #13 Westchester County at 3.7%
  - #31 Sullivan County at 4.1%

### **Transportation**

- ✓ The Move Sullivan public transit routes provided in the last quarter of 2021 an average of 310 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.
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### **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.
- ✓ We have distributed over 40,000 masks and over 20,000 test kits.
- ✓ 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.

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### **Highlights:**

- ✓ Continue to assist with CAC efforts distributing masks and test kits, answering phones, providing referrals and information and vaccination access.
- ✓ Participating in case review with APS regarding mutual clients.
- ✓ There were 11 HEAP applications processed in January.
- ✓ Work continued with Capacity Marketing regarding implementation of marketing campaign targeting vaccine hesitancy along with County Communications Director, Outreach Coordinator, and Public Health.
- ✓ Partnering with Alzheimer's Association and Sullivan 180 for virtual forum March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7:30. Sign up can be found via our Facebook page.
- ✓ OFA newsletter planning ongoing, target launch in August 2022. Would greatly expand outreach opportunities both in print and online, at no cost to County.
- ✓ Orientation as newly elected position of member at large of Association on Aging in NY.

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

<b>EISEP/Unmet Needs, January 2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	30
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in January	2
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE January	2
CASE FILES total open as of 1/31/22	29 EISEP [+ 3 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 1/31/22 [does not include "bridge" clients]	16
CASE FILES reassessed in January	01
WAITLIST currently active as of 1/31/22	22

- ✓ 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. Will be issuing a RFP for a new Legal Services provider due to retirement of current provider.

### **HIICAP**

- ✓ client interactions - 26
- ✓ A reduction in numbers is typical as people adjust to their new plans.

### **NYConnects**

- ✓ Client interactions -88
- ✓ NYConnects staff continues to assist at the Community Assistance Center answering calls, providing resources, food and other needed items. We have participated in mask/test kit distributions.
- ✓ New advertising is up and running on billboards, on the radio and on social media.
- ✓ Held No Wrong Door Implementation Team and Long Term Care Council meetings.

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

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

### **Nutrition Program**

- ✓ Received 9 new referrals for Home Delivered Meals (HDM). All were contacted received an assessment and 6 were enrolled in services.
- ✓ The Nutrition program purchased a commercial refrigerator that will be shared with the Community Assistance Center. This will allow for the storing of a higher amount of perishable items.
- ✓ These are the totals for January 2022  
Homebound meals: 1630 units for 93 clients  
Congregate meals: 1060 units for 67 clients  
Total meals: 2690 units for 160 clients
- ✓ Homebound deposits: \$1586.00  
Congregate deposits: \$69.00 (from Rockland site walk-ins)  
Total deposits: \$1655.00

### **Transportation**

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-73  
RSVP-34 trips  
Shopping Bus trips--66

### **RSVP**

- ✓ Issued a Diversity Questionnaires to RSVP Volunteers in response to Executive Order for Federal Grantees on Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace.
- ✓ Issued the required AmeriCorps grantee Independent Living Performance Measure Surveys to clients served in effort to measure success of RSVP Medical Transportation and Home Delivered Meals programs offered through RSVP and the Office for the Aging.
- ✓ Prepared and sent out required Annual Update and Annual RSVP Satisfaction Survey to RSVP volunteers.
- ✓ Recruitment efforts underway for RSVP Volunteers.
- ✓ Recruitment efforts underway for RSVP Advisory Council Members. Recruited eight (8) new RSVP Advisory Council Member applicants for Council membership.
- ✓ Recruited 4 new volunteers: 1 in RSVP Medical Transportation program; 1 volunteer has been placed at Garnet Health and the Time and The Valleys Museum; 1 volunteer in Veterans Service Agency; and 1 at the Sullivan County Historical Society. We lost 5 volunteers: 1 due to health reasons; 1 due to death; and 3 due to relocation.
- ✓ RSVP received a generous donation in the amount of \$1,250.00 from the Jeff Bank Employees through their Employee Community Support Program.

- ✓ Received \$290.00 in contributions/donations from our RSVP Medical Transportation clients.
- ✓ RSVP Volunteers donated blankets to the Veterans Service Agency, Kiwanis Club, Federation for the Homeless and United Way during the month of January.
- ✓ January volunteer hours were not available at the time of this report.
- ✓ Attended Mid-Hudson AmeriCorps Seniors Consortium; NYSOFA Training Cultural Competency and You: Supporting LGBTQ+ Older Adults; Cultural Equity Workshop; and participated in Cultural Awareness conference.

### **Youth Services:**

- ✓ Continued to promote public awareness of youth programs, activities, and events available to youth and families through e-mail blasts, postings on the County's Instagram page, and through outreach to DFS staff and school districts.
- ✓ Drafted contracts for Youth Bureau funded youth programs, forwarded contracts to vendors for review and signature, had contracts fully executed by the County Attorney and County Manager, and transmitted fully executed contracts to youth program vendors.
- ✓ Completed gathering insurance documents from vendors for contracts.
- ✓ Continued to hold and lead regular scheduled meetings of the Sullivan County Youth Board, as well as prepare agendas and minutes for Youth Board meetings.
- ✓ Continued to hold telephone conferences and/or in person meetings with youth program directors to discuss youth programming.
- ✓ Participated in Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development and Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association's monthly meetings to keep current with new and emerging information and regulations.