## Niagara County Workforce Development Group WEBEX Meeting



## Wednesday, June 23, 2021 @ 9 a.m. Minutes

Item	Result
Attendees	Dennis M., Bonnie R., Mike K., JoeB2., Chandra W., Karen K., Coleen C., Katie B.
Minutes from MAY meeting	No corrections noted
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NCE&T Mike K	<ul> <li>15 OJTs running currently:</li> <li>2 at Regional Heavy Equipment &amp; Truck</li> <li>2 at Niagara Industrial Mechanical</li> <li>1 RUS Industries</li> <li>1 at Sunrise Door and Woodworks</li> <li>1 at Vishay</li> <li>3 at TAM Ceramics</li> <li>2 at Audubon Machine</li> <li>1 at Powell's Heating and Cooling</li> <li>1 at Pioneer Printers</li> <li>1 at Knabuilders – Erie County</li> <li>2 OJTs starting this Monday:</li> <li>Jacobs Ladder (new to OJT)</li> <li>4 OJTs starting on July 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>3 at Vishay</li> <li>1 at Pivot Precision (2013 last time we did an OJT there)</li> <li>Getting paperwork ready for a Customized</li> <li>Training in mid-July at Regional Heavy Equipment</li> </ul>
Career Center Chandra W	<ul> <li>NF Career Center expands its hours of operation on 7/6 to 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1-4:30.</li> <li>Oppenheim Career Fair- 40 businesses and 176 job seekers. All were super pleased with outcome Lockport Career Fair- June 30 at Ida Fritz Memorial Park, downtown, near the county building and Walgreens. Thirty companies are expected. See flyer attached.</li> <li>Also planning a Service Fair in August outdoors at Trott. Dates being considered are the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.</li> </ul>

WDB Bonnie R	<ul> <li>TANF Summer Youth Employment Program is up and running. Plan to hire about 90 youth this summer.</li> <li>If you encounter youth ages 16-24 who are interested in a work experience, career goals, and getting their NYS Drivers License, please contact Bonnie and she will refer you to the WIOA Youth program.</li> <li>Bonnie has attended meetings with Niagara Open Coffee Chat, Iroquois Job Corps, IBEW Local 237 Electrical Union recently.</li> <li>Workforce Development Board meeting was held 6/8/21.</li> <li>Bonnie will be interviewed for local radio (WBLK, WYRK, WJYE) for "Get to Work Wednesdays" which attracts a large NF audience.</li> </ul>
NCCC Karen K	<ul> <li>NCCC</li> <li>Fall Classes scheduled for: <ul> <li>Pharmacy Technician</li> <li>Sterile Processing</li> <li>Medical Billing</li> <li>Medical Coding</li> <li>Google IT Network Professional</li> <li>AWS Cloud Computing</li> <li>Residential Electrical</li> <li>Mechatronics (industrial Electrical and Mechanical)</li> </ul> </li> <li>SUNY Workforce Development Training Grant classes wrapped up this week. Companies were provided training for 10% of the actual cost. The next round of grants will come out as part of the CFA process.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Niagara Falls Workforce Consortium update:</li> <li>Meeting with Supply Chain/Logistics Industry on July 1<sup>st</sup>, then Hospitality and Childcare areas. Follow up surveys given to determine hiring needs and commitment to middle, high school, and out-of-school youth development and work experience.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Also meeting with community groups- 1) Men Standing Stronger Saturday June 26 at 11:00am 2) NOAH July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Looking to determine barriers to reengagement into education and/or employment.</li> </ul>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	NDEAM Business Recognition Award will be presented at an indoor, in -person event this October Date/venue TBA. We hope to continue our tradition of Statewide recognition for an Entrepreneur with a Disability that ACCES-VR has helped start a business. We have had seven statewide awards in this category over the past 7 years. We are also planning a Diversity Job Fair on November 4 at the Central Library in Buffalo. Another in-person, indoor event. A special category for business that hire PWD will be created for the Niagara County business awards event.
NYSDOL Joe B 2	NYSDOL staffers are returning to their usual positions now that UI claims are winding down. Joe will resume his role with business services. Job fairs will continue to be virtual for now. The virtual format has some desirable features to link job seekers, resume`s and employers. The DOL is set to begin using a new job matching tool based upon AI that promises to be much more accurate in matching candidates with jobs. Now looking for business to sign up. Vishay is a possibility because of its specialized job titles.
NACS-Colleen C.	Now completing fiscal year funding, new funding starts July 1 and is expected to continue until 2025 Have assisted 12participants with tuition and books, three more are pending. Doing outreach event for Native Grads of HS or college. Have hired staff person to cover Erie /Niagara but still looking for someone to cover Rochester and Syracuse areas.

BOCES- Katie B.	Looking for candidates for an Adult Education Skilled Trades Specialist. See attached job description
NEXT MEETING -, the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX July 28, 9am
Remaining meetings in 2021	August 25 September 22 October 27 November 24 December 22