

Niagara County Workforce Development Group  
**WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 9 a.m.**  
**Notes/Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Joe B., Bonnie R., Brian M., Karen K., Mike C., Mike K. submitted report.
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
NYSDOL-Joe B.	Most recent virtual career fair attracted 300 job seekers. In person events continue to be planned too. Business in LP is looking for a training partner for HVAC
NCE&T Mike K.	<p><b>Active OJTs:</b>            Baker Tool and Die - 1            Vishay Thin Film - 2            Tam Ceramics - 2            Shannon Global Energy Solutions - 1</p> <p><b>OJTs starting next week:</b>            TDA, LLC - 1            J. W. Burg Machine &amp; Tool - 2</p> <p><b>Potential OJTs:</b>            Niacet/Kerry - 1            Novair - 1</p> <p><b>Active Customized Training:</b>            Matrix Imaging Solutions - 1</p>
Workforce Development Board- Bonnie R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New procedures being developed for serving training customers and those in need of Individualized Career Services.</li> <li>• Met in person with WDB members at their place of business.</li> <li>• Attended NYATEP Workforce Advocates Town Hall.</li> <li>• Lockport Job Fair was well attended and well received.</li> <li>• Met with Roscoe Naguit of M&amp;T Bank to discuss ways to serve Niagara County job seekers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDB Inclusion Committee held its latest "DEI, How What and Why" virtual workshop.</li> </ul>
NCCC- Brian M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restructuring and re-aligning resources.</li> <li>• New initiatives CDL training for manual and automatic transmission</li> <li>• Online Megatronics program- grant funding is taking shape</li> <li>• Working with Empire State Development and WNY MFG Coalition to for funding for Medical manufacturing program. Also meeting with Goodwill and NCE&amp;T</li> </ul>
NCCED- Mike C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very busy with retention during first quarter of this year</li> <li>• Met with Virtual Polymer Compounds about various incentive programs including ACCES-VR</li> <li>• Chemical Design, Inc. is outgrowing ist location on Market Street in LP and is planning an expansion into a eased or new building.</li> <li>• Niacet long associated with food and pharmaceuticals in NF is expanding into the semiconductor industry <a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/niacet_corporation_expansion">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/niacet_corporation_expansion</a></li> <li>• Working with UB to develop a talent pipeline for engineers</li> <li>• Fourth annual Agribusiness Outreach forum- March 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Development of a new Business park in Niagara County</li> <li>• Plan to develop a meat processing plant in Niagara County is also moving forward.</li> </ul>
NU-Karen K.	<p><b>Niagara University</b></p> <p><i>Senator Gillibrand announced a \$1.4M Earmark for NU @822 our Cleveland Avenue site.</i></p> <p><a href="https://news.niagara.edu/news/show/u-s-senator-kirsten-gillibrand-announces-1-4-million-to-support-niagara-university-academic-innovation-hub-in-niagara-falls">https://news.niagara.edu/news/show/u-s-senator-kirsten-gillibrand-announces-1-4-million-to-support-niagara-university-academic-innovation-hub-in-niagara-falls</a></p>

	<p><i>Micro-credential TESOL</i></p> <p>Met with Glenn and Bonnie several times to discuss the coursework and target population. Submitted course information for approval for inclusion on the ETPL. NU will now enter information into the system.</p> <p>TESOL Teaching Assistant courses will begin in August.</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Inclusion Committee of the WDB hosted a virtual informational session for business on February 15. Michelle Plesh HR director at Excelsior Orthopedics, presented "<i>Hiring Without Bias/Driving Change,</i>" how a business can embrace DEI in their workforce. About 30 were in attendance with positive evals. Our next virtual presentation in to the how and why of DEI will take place in June , subject TBA.</li> <li>• Spring Diversity Career Fair on April 27 at the downtown public library in Buffalo will feature an pre-event panel discussion about finding god talent in the post pandemic world and will include Bonnie Rice, Joel Feuerman and the HR director for Univera Health.</li> <li>• ACCES-VR is looking for persons interested in becoming independent contractors for job placement services. Interested parties contact Dennis for additional information.</li> </ul>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on March 22, 2023. 9am

Happy St Patrick's Day

