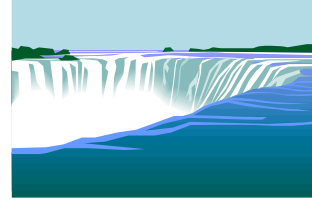


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting

Wednesday, APRIL 10, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL
Notes/Minutes



Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Mike C., Mike K., Ron P., Karen K., Kate M., Kimberly C., Tianna P.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NCE&T- Mike K.	<p>Note: No funding for Customized Training at this time.</p> <p>Note: No funding for new OJTs until July 1st 2024.</p> <p>14 Active OJTs:</p> <p>4 at Shannon Global Energy Solutions in NT</p> <p>1 at Thomson Construction in NF</p> <p>1 at Swogier Construction in NF</p> <p>1 at National Crate in Lewiston</p> <p>2 at National Maintenance Contracting Corporation in NF</p> <p>1 at Niagara Industrial Mechanical in NF</p> <p>1 at Knabuilders in Tonawanda</p> <p>1 at Baker Tool & Die in NT</p> <p>1 at DC Appliance Repair in Ransomville</p> <p>1 at Regional Heavy Equipment in LKPT</p>

<p>Karen K.- Niagara University</p>	<p>Niagara University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M&T Bank Multicultural Small Business Lab- Tuesday May 21st- June 18th, 2024. 35 participants- Pitch contest June 18th with \$10,000 of prize money (see flyer). <u>NEED more participants</u> to keep this opportunity going for Niagara County! 2. Multicultural Teaching Assistant classes to begin late summer- this class is targeted to individuals who are multilingual including new Americans, immigrants and refugees. For more information please contact Karen Kwadrans 3. Academic Innovation HUB- 822 Cleveland Avenue- HUD funding delayed, but hoping to go out to bid this Spring! <p>Flyer attached.</p>
<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<p><u>Economic development is workforce development.</u> <u>You can't have one without the other.</u></p> <p><u>Retention</u></p> <p>Have reached out to 25 companies YTD and met with 15.</p> <p><u>Niagara County Production Program</u> Designed offset the long lasting economic effects of COVID 19 to assist Niagara County manufacturers with the purchase of new machinery and equipment that will enable them to be more productive and efficient with their processes and will help upskill employees while implementing the new technologies. Grants of up to \$50K. There have been 10 applicants so far. https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/niagara-county-production-program</p> <p><u>Façade Program</u> Following the success of its first façade program that was created in 2022, the Niagara County Legislature authorized Façade Program 2.0, offering matching grants up to \$50,000 for qualified business to make exterior capital improvements to their properties. This program is administered by the Niagara County Center for Economic Development,</p> <p>Projects</p>

	<p>Big Ditch Brewing Company LLC</p> <p>Summary: Big Ditch Brewing Company is seeking a sales tax only exemption for the purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment for a micro-brewery, tap room/restaurant with event space to be located in 15,000 sq ft leased space in the historic Post Office Building in downtown Lockport.</p> <p>New Jobs in Niagara County within 3 years: 10 FT / 10PT</p> <p>Skills: Management, production, hospitality service</p> <p>MGA Construction, LLC</p> <p>Summary: The project will consist of construction of a 60,000 sq. ft. mixed-use building that will have commercial space on the first floor and two floors of market rate residential units, which will be known as the Villas at Forest Parkway. The residential units will be 10 two-bedroom and 10 three-bedroom market rate apartments.</p> <p>Current jobs in Niagara County: 30 New Jobs in Niagara County within 3 years: 2 Skills: Management, administration, accounting, IT, maintenance</p>
Niagara Pride= Ron P.	<p>Ron is interested in building Ally Ships among Niagara County Organizations to support LGFBNTQ issues in the county, This idea is based upon a Canisius University Women's business center project.</p> <p>https://www.canisius.edu/news/womens-business-center-lisc-wny-announce-building-allyships-program</p> <p>Looking for vendors for Niagara Pride LGBTQ+ Health and Wellness Fair at SUNY Niagara on May 18, 9-2</p> <p>https://www.niagarapride.org/</p> <p>See chat transcript attached for additional information.</p>
Niagara County DSS-Kimberly C.	<p>DSS is interested in collaboration with other organizations for workforce development, employment projects that could benefits DSS recipients.</p>
SUNY Niagara - Kate M.	<p>Kate is a one-woman Department of Career and Transfer. Busy with occupation specific career fairs in March and now big general career fair coming up on April 16th. Although not advertised this event is open to the public with 65 employers expected.</p>

NACS-Tianna P.	Tianna has taken over as economic power director for workforce programs from Coleen C. She covers 17 counties and invites referrals of Native Americans
CHAT Transcript	See attached
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Diversity Career Fair on April 25 10:30 AM- 12:30 at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library located in Downtown Buffalo. Open to the public. 30+ employers expected See attached • Virtual Panel discussion for on May 15, 830 a.m. to 10 Topic is Making Reasonable Accommodations reasonable for all. See flyer attached • Niagara County Career Exploration Fair, October 23, 2024 , 9a to 2 p at NCCC for area high school students with disabilities to learn more about occupations with hands on and other demonstrations.
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on MAY 8