## Niagara County Workforce Development Group WEBEX Meeting





Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis Martinez, ACCES-VR; Collen Casali, NACS; JoeB2, NYSDOL; Mike Kearny, NCE&T Mike Casale, NCCEDC; Brian Michel- NCCC; Shannon Stott, NCCC; Glenn Aronow, Career Center; Ron Piaseczny, Niagara Pride Katie Stair; Ashleigh, McGowan, Guest Speakers- Health Workforce Collaborative
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NACS-Colleen C.	Presentation by Katie Stair & Ashleigh McGowan of the Health Workforce Collaborative, <u>https://hwcollab.org/</u> Not for profit organization in 2020 as response to health area workforce and pandemic to engage others to develop the healthcare workforce. Platform is geared toward Central and WNY but includes all of NYS. It promotes programs and resources that exist for all that are part of the health care workforce development system including job seekers, students, professionals, training providers. Includes high demand careers as well as career pathways. Check it out and share with others. Anyone can be a part of the platform; there is no charge for participation. <u>https://hwcollab.org/</u>
Collen CNACS	Busy with end or grant funding cycle this month. July begins a new year. Continuing to do outreach with career fairs and college fairs (e.g. Le Moyne College) in WNY and CNY. Staff in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse are kept busy, each covering 5-6 counties.
NCE&T Mike K.	Active OJTs currently = 11 3 at Caron Manufacturing 1 at National Corrugate (1 <sup>st</sup> OJT with this company) 1 at Knabuilders 1 at Matrix Imaging Solutions 1 at Nuttall Gear (1 <sup>st</sup> OJT with this company) 1 at Regional Heavy Equipment 1 at Powell's Heating and Cooling 1 at Niagara Industrial Mechanical

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	Fiscal Year total for OJT stands at 64!
NCCC- Brian M.	Grant funds are obtained for Allied Health, Cannabis/Horticulture. Also Niagara Greenway Grant for Veterans Park on campus. There will be a Bee Fair to help support this.
NCCC-Shannon S.	Career related events go quiet in summer but there is a potential job fair coming on August 18 from 11-2, for child care workers.
NCCED- Mike C.	The big news is the proposed AMAZON project for the town of Niagara which will include 1000 new jobs. The Town Board has approved this project and it appears to be moving ahead. Grant funds for the façade program have been exhausted with 200 companies assisted. Most recent business workshop on June 1 attracted 39 companies with some follow up. Upcoming workshops in September and December of this year. Retention outreach continues.
ACCES-VR Dennis M	Diversity Career Fair on June 9 at central branch of B&EC Public Library attracted 30 companies and 125 job seekers. Another event is planned for October if all goes well. NDEAM Business Recognition Awards- nominations of companies who have diversified their workforce with people with disabilities or entrepreneurs with disabilities are sought. NDEAM 2022 Theme "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation" <u>https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam</u>
Ron PNiagara Pride	Shopping with <b>PRIDE</b> , Promote LGBTQ Businesses and promote diversity. <u>http://wnyshoppingwithpride.org/</u>
NYSDOL Joe B 2	There was a recent job fair at Northland and virtual format job fairs are still happening. The next one is July 20. These usually attract up to 300 job seekers
Career Center, Glenn A.	Outdoor Career Fair at Oppenheim Park drew 200 job seekers and 58 companies. A career fair is planned for Lockport in July date TBA.
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX JULY 27, same time ENJOY JULY