

Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 9 a.m.
Minutes

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis Martinez, Michael Kearney, Michael Casale, Ron Piaseczny, Shirley Shoen
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NACS-Colleen C.	Not present for meeting but submitted report: Approval for our 4-year strategic plan and we have WIOA Indian and Native American Program dollars for another 4 years. We were also awarded a small amount of Supplemental Youth Services Funding as well for youth ages 14-24.
NCE&T Mike K.	<p>Active OJTs:</p> <p>Caron Manufacturing - Lockport Regional Heavy Equipment - Lockport Virtual Polymer Compounds - Lockport Empro Niagara - Lockport Powell's Heating and Cooling - Lockport</p> <p>Niagara Industrial Mechanical - Niagara Falls Maple Grove Floral - Niagara Falls</p> <p>Shannon Global Energy Solutions (2) - North Tonawanda</p> <p>Matrix Imaging Solutions - Sanborn</p> <p>Working on OJT for American Glass & Mirror - Niagara Falls</p>
DSS- Shirley S.	Shirley is the interim replacement for Joe B1. DSS orientations for employment have resumed weekly at the Career Center. Job Readiness training with BOCES is also restarting now in Niagara Falls and next month in Lockport.
Niagara Pride, Inc.-Ron P.	On September 14, 830 a.m. via Zoom, Ron is presenting in association with the WDB Inclusion committee on LGBTQ+ Diversity related business issues with 12 evidence based best practices for employment. Although this presentation is geared toward then LGBT+ community it has implications or use with

	<p>other groups. See attached flyer for additional information and registration.</p>
<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<p>AMAZON E-Commerce Storage and Distribution Center Project on Lockport Road in the town of Niagara has cleared IDA board and is on its way for company approval. The project as is promises to employ 1000 workers of which 950 will be warehouse workers earning \$31,200 plus benefits and 50 management staff, with projected earnings of around \$60K. It is also expected that the building will require 200 construction workers to be completed. This project will include reconstruction/upgrading of surrounding roadways to accommodate the expected car and truck traffic.</p> <p>RETENTION- 50 businesses contacted YTD with 34 meetings</p> <p>BUSINESS WORKSHOPS- General workshop business incentives and workforce development programs on 9/28. Targeted workshop for Canadian Business to be offered on December 2.</p> <p>NYATEP Conference held in Niagara Falls, October 3-5. Mike and Bonnie Rice will present on Niagara's successful partnership between economic and workforce development. Will use this group as an example of this partnership to share information among many partners.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<p>AMAZON – Zoom Employment Information Session- Tuesday, September 13 at 1p.m. Company reps will present on jobs and hiring process for AMAZON. See Flyer attached for info and registration.</p> <p>NDEAM 22- We will return to a live luncheon format for our business awards that will take place at 12:30-3:30, on October 6 at the Grapevine Banquets, 333 Dick Road in Depew. Our Emcee is Mary Alice Demler from WGRZ-TV and our guest speaker is Bonnie Rice. A dozen local companies will receive awards for hiring persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Fall Diversity Career Fair- October 27, 10-Noon at Central Branch of Buffalo & Erie County Public Library downtown Buffalo. 30 businesses expected. All job seekers/job placement professionals are welcome.</p> <p>The Workforce Development Group has been meeting since the mid 1990's. I have recorded minutes for many years and kept them. Just for fun I have attached minutes from September 2003.</p>

NYSDOL Joe B	Not present but report submitted: Not much going on with the DOL except for the return of In-person job fairs. Niagara Falls is tentatively scheduled for September 28 th at Trott and Lockport scheduled for October 12 th .
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX - September 21