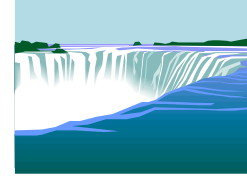


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 9 a.m.
Meeting Notes

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Bonnie R., Glenn A., Mike C., Joe B2, Mike K., Brian M., Ron P., Colleen C.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
Career Center- Glen Arorow	Traffic at the Career Center is on the uptick. NYSDOL is set to re-open for in person meetings with customers on a limited basis. This will help the Career Center staff who now field UI questions.
WDB- Bonnie Rice	<p>WNY REDC Grant application to be submitted 1/27/22. All 5 counties are being represented. Grant is for bringing tech training and jobs to our area.</p> <p>NYSGVP – 90% OJT’s still available for ages 18-24 living in Cities of NF and Lockport.</p> <p>WIOA-SYEP is fully expended. We put 50 youth to work!</p> <p>Don Jablonski and I met with Mayor of Niagara Falls and are working on ways we can collaborate and leverage each other’s services.</p> <p>NYS Registered Apprenticeships – I’m on a team working on a presentation for ways to streamline the RA process.</p> <p>Attended meetings with NYS Legislators for advocacy. Will attend NYATEP Town Hall with NYS Legislators on 1/27/22. In February, will meet with US Legislators in conjunction with NYATEP.</p>
NCE & T- Mike	6 OJTs at local businesses including Maple Grove Floral and American Glass and Mirror. Some difficulty with trainees, one of who quit after only two hours on the job. Others in Pipeline: Audubon Machinery Corporation, Vishay, and Thread Brander. Potential for customized training at Taber Industries.
NCCED- Mike C	Two small solar projects. These don’t have issues with using prime farmland but there are issues pertaining to

	<p>solar and agriculture in the county. Legislature wants to minimize impact and Mike is an appointed watchdog for this.</p> <p>GM has announced and \$154M investment in the Lockport facility toward the production of electric motor components for its vehicles.</p> <p>Build Back Better Grant – Technology Infrastructure Niagara County is a finalist in the grant process.</p> <p>Retention- Six companies have been contacted YTD.</p> <p>Business Workshops- General information virtual workshops are scheduled for June 1 and December 7 , at 10 a.m. A workshop focused on Workforce Development is set for March 2 at 10 and another on September 28 will market Niagara County to Canadian business.</p>
<p>NCCC-Brian Michel</p>	<p>Its grant season at the college Reviving Community Ed at the main campus. Open to public with fun courses like Home Ec., Woodworking, Art.</p> <p>Revamping student registration process. It now involves a cumbersome and duplicative procedure.</p> <p>New instructor for Sterile Processing is great. Graduates are getting good jobs in a variety of different related to their training.</p> <p>Apprenticeships- There are now 6. Hope to develop additional.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<p>The Inclusion Committee of the Workforce Development Board in Niagara County is planning a virtual training for business in March (Date TBD) about accessibility features on Microsoft Office Apps. Training will be conducted by Microsoft trainers. More information to follow.</p> <p>ACCES-VR and NYSDOL have partnered to provide virtual workshops on topics related to employment information for persons with disabilities. The next two of these workshops on February 2nd (<u>An Overview of ACCES-VR Services</u>) and 16th (<u>Employment Incentives for Government Jobs: What Job Seekers with Disabilities Need to Know</u>)</p> <p>Both feature yours truly and can be found on https://statistics.labor.ny.gov/career-zone/career-calendar.shtml?trumbaEmbed=date%3D20220202</p>
<p>NYSDOL- Joe B 2</p>	<p>No definite date for offices to reopen.</p> <p>Virtual job fairs continue.</p> <p>1/16/22 event drew 36 companies and over 300 job seekers. Next virtual job fair is on 2/16. It appears that virtual will be around for a while.</p>

<p>NACS-Colleen C.</p>	<p>www.Hwcollab.org NYS Health Workforce Development Collaborative. Goal is to develop workforce in health care careers. Website is interactive with resources for training and a place for job seekers as well as employers who have openings.</p> <p>Mostly doing educational programs now Erie and Niagara Counties do the most business at present but trying to increase business in other places. There are now 42 participants are receiving services. Looking to partner with Rochester Works for office space. Also looking for person to run Syracuse office</p>
<p>Niagara Pride –Ronald Piaseczny</p>	<p>from Ronald Piaseczny he/him - Niagara Pride to everyone: 9:28 AM</p> <p>Niagara Pride's WNY LGBTQ+ Youth Vocational Conference...Saturday, 4/23/22 from 9am to 3pm...we need presenters to offer presentations on: • How to conduct a self-directed vocational searches; • to effectively utilize Career Assessments, O*Net, and local community-based job seeking resources; • Resume writing, interview skills, and other job seeking soft-skills; • Employment laws, discrimination, and LGBTQ+ challenges when seeking employment; and • Diversity and inclusivity in the workforce.</p> <p>We would also like to invite organizations and agencies to be a vendor at the event, so that attendees can stop by the tables and link with services and get info on resources. if you'd like to be a presenter and/or table vendor, please email president@niagarapride.org</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX February 23</p>