



Minutes from One Stop Meeting September 8, 2022

JBM facilitator

Attendees: Angela Smith, Benjamin Bunker, Colleen Casali, Michele Taylor, Patricia Stovall-Lane, Vincent Trippi, Donald Jablonski, Bonnie Rice

The meeting began with introductions from group participants. We had at least two new members in attendance, Ben from Niagara County Youth Bureau and Angela from Niagara Falls Housing Authority.

JBM reviewed the OSSO report information as follows:

ONE STOP SYSTEM OPERATOR REPORT 9/2022

**PY21 Q4 Data Represents participants attending
or starting training from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022**

WIOA Youth

59 Enrolled at the end of Q4
7 new enrollments in Q4

CRT (Classroom Training)

100 enrolled at the end of Q4
26 new enrollments in Q4
10 Training Providers, 18 courses

OTJ (On the Job Training)

30 enrolled at the end of Q4
9 new enrollments
18 companies
21 Job titles

Current (tentative) PY22 A1 Data July 1-August 30, reminder Q1 ends 9/30/2022

CRT (Classroom Training)

3 participants
6 participant applications awaiting review
18 applications moving through funding process
11 participants attending training

OJT (On the Job Training)

7 participants enrolled in training





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Youth

4 Youth enrolled for services

JBM also included all of the companies and schools participating. Quite impressive and important to keep in front of us as we move forward in working on identifying and including others.

Some important points throughout the meeting:

Ben mentioned the importance of including youth when promoting the variety of programs by having access to in school youth.

Action item Don and Ben are to talk off line to pursue this avenue. Don will reach out to Ben.

JBM mentioned the NF City Schools mentor program, specifically targeting younger (middle school) youth to get them engaged earlier rather than later. Don mentioned they work closely with the school district but the focus is often "At Risk Youth". Trades are also a focus which we all agree is an area of opportunity and need, offering very comfortable incomes after the On-the-Job Training.

JBM mentioned how Voss Manufacturing is more than willing to train their own in a variety of trades. Don asked to be introduced to Voss.

Action item: JBM to connect Alex Kammerer (new leader, son of Tom Kamerrerr who some have known), with Don to meet and see how much more they can collaborate. Voss is a strong company with potential for growth.

Don also brought up the new area of working with those previously in the justice system. He works closely with Niagara County Probation in identifying potential candidates. This is an area JBM mentioned as untapped for any employers who would be open to hiring those with a criminal record who are moving to transform and become more productive seeking opportunities for training and employment.

Don said the Career Fairs are effective. The recent Lockport outdoor job fair was successful. Out of 54 companies participating, 11 of them already hired people they met this day. There were 200 attendees.

The next career fair will be held October 26 from 12:30 to 3:00 in Niagara Falls at the Niagara Riverside Resort. More details are online at <https://www.worksource1.com/job-seeker/career-fair>. Cost is \$150 for businesses to reserve a table and includes lunch. Contact Don directly if interested in participating: 716-278-8234.

Colleen Casali, representing the Native American Community Services, mentioned how their grants could work effectively with others. They are allowed to share funds and share clients which frees up more money for all other programming and support. Her program covers 17 counties in NY. She also mentioned approved WIOA funding program for 4 more years which now includes coverage of Youth Services. This groups recruits from Nation schools and Native organizations primarily.

Vincent Trippi from Cassadaga Job Corps mentioned their focus on education, vocation and training. In this program, training related to Trades, Security, CNA, LPN are included. The next LPN training program will be January 2023, specific date to be announced.

Angela Smith from the Niagara Falls Housing Authority has joined the group. Angela mentioned the CNA program, 100% funded including transportation, uniforms, meals, child care etc. in order to remove any barriers to taking this class. BOCES also works with them on this training and BOCES is where applications for the program are received and reviewed. Once a person graduates, they receive \$1,000.00 for completion. 24 graduated so far from this new





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program. Angela did mention that anyone from Niagara or Erie Counties can apply for this program but preference to residents is a focus.

Angie asked if there were any survey options out there to share. Bonnie indicated there were.

Action item: Bonnie to reach out to Angela to coordinate further on surveys.

Patricia Stovall-Lane discussed her program indicating it is very similar to others but her focus is Farm Workers or those who are connected to Farm Workers. She too can collaborate with others with funding to ensure optimal programming for her constituents. She did ask if a question can be added regarding if someone is a Farm Worker or in the family of such workers. Don mentioned he will add this question to be sure they can refer such individuals to this program.

Patricia asked Angela about the housing options and if there is a waiting list. Angela mentioned all of the options indicating that there is a waiting list at this time. All information related to Niagara Falls Housing is on their website for more detail: www.nfha.org.

Angela mentioned that NFHA Coordinators would be strong resources to support this group as well as learn more about what everyone is doing and what opportunities are available to residents. They will be invited to future meetings.

Action item: Angela will get JBM the contact information for Coordinators to invite to the next meeting.

JBM mentioned the importance of collaborating on Social Media. Anywhere you can link organizations to one another as well as share what's happening is an important tool as that's where people are now, especially younger people. JBM connected Bonnie and Ben who already began this so they are connected to the Youth Bureau. Don mentioned that anyone that has anything they want out there to please send to him and they will get this information out.

Angela mentioned the two community centers, Doris Jones Facility and Packard Court Community Center, are available for career fairs etc.

Action item: Don to reach out to Angela, January or February to plan for the upcoming events.

Action item...ALL Finally, if there are any fliers that any of you want to be distributed, submit them to JBM to be included in the correspondence that will follow receipt of such information.

Thank you all for very informative and lively interchanges. Let's always keep them this way. The collaboration opportunities are endless and will yield such tremendous results for our community.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 8, 2022 AT 9:30. Zoom invite will follow. Please mark your calendars! Hope to see you all there.

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