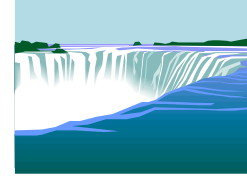


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group  
WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 9 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis Martinez- Jamimaleson Alexander- Bonnie Rice – Brandon Bless- Chandra Wingrove- Glen Aorow- Joe B1- Joe B2- Colleen Casalli- Michael Casale Ronald Piaseczny -
Minutes from <b>September</b> meeting	Edited minutes were sent; no further corrections noted
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
Career Center Chandra W Glen Arorow- Career Center	Chandra is leaving her position at the Career Center and will be replaced by Glen. Good Bye Chandra and Welcome Glen. The Oppenheim Park outdoor job fair on September 29 went well with 52 employers and over 200 job seekers counted. It was their largest outdoor event and was extended to three hours duration 11 a. to 2 p. Traffic at the OneStop is picking up and averages about two businesses per day there to recruit. Judas Tree on 15th and Pine an establishment giving back to the community using locally produced items.
WDB Bonnie R	TANF SYEP successfully hired 94 youth this summer and paid for their wages at local employers.  WIOA-SYEP successfully hired 50 youth - requirements similar to TANF SYEP. Grant will end 12/31/21.  NYS GVP - \$250K grant - direct hiring of youth in Cities of Niagara Falls (75%) and Lockport (25%). Have businesses contact Bonnie if they're interested in 90% OJT reimbursement in January 2022.

	<p>Local MOU - NYS has approved it. Partners will be contacted for e-signatures as soon as State has signed MOU.</p> <p>EMSI Data - Rob LeTeste of Invest Buffalo Niagara, who spoke with our group, is able to pull info from a statewide database for local jobs, businesses, and other topics. Bonnie will share the data on top 200 employers in Niagara County. (See attached) Let Bonnie know if you need data on a certain topic.</p>
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<p>The links below take you to the projects Mike discussed today</p> <p><a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/100443/Project_Summary_Duncans.pdf">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/100443/Project_Summary_Duncans.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/100444/Project_Summary_PEMM.pdf">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/100444/Project_Summary_PEMM.pdf</a></p> <p>The Business Workshop on Import/Export went well on the 19<sup>th</sup> with 30 businesses including some from Queens, Canada and Alaska attending. The next Business workshop is a general information session scheduled for December 8.</p> <p>Reached out to 90 businesses so far this year as part of retention project.</p> <p>The Center for Economic Development offers small businesses grants up to \$25K.</p>
<p>DSS Joe B1</p>	<p>DSS Work Experience Program has resumed in August. Shelter inspections have also resumed.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<p>October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and 24 local companies were honored this year with individual onsite award presentations. The Inclusion committee of the WDB is hosting a virtual training for business on November 3 DEI: How, What and Why, from 8:30 until 10.</p>
<p>NYSDOL Joe B 2</p>	<p>The DOL is getting back to its regular business. Hosted a virtual career fair with 60 businesses and over 300 job seekers. The next virtual even will be held on 11/16.</p>
<p>NYS CB Brandon B</p>	<p>Three job saves this month in Niagara County involving an employee at a hair salon, bank and a hospital. Also involved with a work experience at a local pizzeria in Wheatfield.</p>

<p>NACS-Colleen C.</p>	<p>The program is being revamped. There is now an assistant for Buffalo/Niagara  Most clients are students who are seeking assistance with tuition, books, fees, some are eligible for laptops.  Request other programs with identified Natives to inform and refer them for a variety of benefits at NACS. See attached program flyers.</p>
<p>Ronald Piaseczny - info@niagarapride.org and rzpiaseczny@yahoo.com (in case the info email is acting funky :))</p>	<p>Ron is President of Niagara Pride, a 501C3 organization whose mission it is to foster safety and security for the LGBTQ+ community in housing , work , worship and play in the Niagara County area. It is a small organization with the 8 BOD members doing most of the work. Susan Frawley Coordinator of GLS of WNY is a BOD member. Goal is to develop a program for LGBTQ+ youth in Niagara County with emphasis upon employment. An educational program, one day event with guest speakers to address various issues related to job seeking and job keeping skills</p>
<p><b>NEXT MEETING -, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX  November 17  <i>Do we want to lunch in December?</i></b></p>
<p>Remaining meetings in 2021</p>	<p>December 22</p>