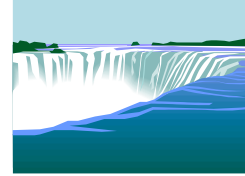


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group**  
**WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 9 a.m.**  
**Notes/Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Joe B., Bonnie R., Mike K., Glenn A., Karen K., Mike C., Colleen C.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NYSDOL-Joe B.	<p>Upcoming career fairs are listed on <b>attached</b> schedule of in-person Job Fairs from the Department of Labor for the coming year.</p> <p>There will be some events in Niagara Falls which haven't been scheduled yet. I anticipate a job fair towards the end of March.</p> <p>Generally, these will be held at the DOL Career Centers.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me with any questions.</p>
NCE&T Mike K.	<p><b>Active OJTs:</b>            Vishay Thin Film: 2            American Glass and Mirror: 1            Baker Tool &amp; Die: 1            Empro Niagara: 2            Marie's Sewing: 1            TDA, LLC: 1</p> <p><b>Pending OJT:</b>            Vishay Thin Film - waiting for contracts to be signed.</p> <p><b>Working on OJTs:</b>            Niacet: 1            Tam Ceramics: 2</p> <p><b>Active Customized Training:</b> 1 at Matrix Imaging Solutions  <b>Working on Customized Training:</b> 1 at Diversified Manufacturing, possibly 2.</p>
Career Center Glenn A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the number of OJTs we wrote , we may have limited funding left for additional ones until end of fiscal year on June 30. Similarly with other</li> </ul>

	<p>programs under WIOA. Other funding may be available to fill in the gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also assisting with candidates for teacher assistant certification at NU.</li> <li>• Suzanne Merrell is retiring after 33 years.</li> <li>• Will be at DOL job fair in Lockport on 2/1.</li> <li>• Have developed a series of PowerPoint presentations on job seeking skills</li> <li>• Looking to do another outdoor job fair at Oppenheim Park again this year.</li> <li>• Working with Community Missions to job develop with parolees recently released from incarceration</li> <li>• Pace of creating ITAs is high with 34 created in one week.</li> </ul>
<p>Workforce Development Board- Bonnie R.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toured IBEW 237 Electrical Union's new training facility in former Bergholtz school. They are seeking Apprenticeship applicants.</li> <li>• Meeting in person with WDB business members to review our services.</li> <li>• Met in person, with Mike Kearney, with Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance and Niacet.</li> </ul>
<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<p><b>Current Projects:</b></p> <p>1. The existing Wingate Hotel in downtown Niagara Falls is seeking to attract the famous Moe's Southwest Grill, which will offer families that are traveling to Niagara Falls another affordable dining option. Currently, there is an absence of places for tourists to dine when visiting Niagara Falls; in turn, visitors leave the area, resulting in lost revenue to the local municipalities. Recognizable brands, such as Moe's will help keep visitors in the downtown area longer and offer them a better overall experience. <b>New Jobs in Niagara County within 3 years: 14.5 Skills: Management/Service/ Cooks/ Drivers</b></p> <p>2. 303 Rainbow Blvd. will be renovated into an A&amp;W retail attraction. The famous A&amp;W national franchise chain will replace the long dilapidated and highly trafficked corner of Rainbow Blvd and Third Street. The limited options available in the downtown corridor do not meet the demands of the tourist community; this project will help remedy this issue while also signaling to other notable brands that Niagara Falls is a viable and desirable retail location.</p>

	<p>New Jobs in Niagara County within 3 years: 16 Skills: Management/Service/ Cooks/ Drivers</p> <p>3. Micbarcer Realty Company will be renovating the 15,000 sq. ft. facility on Hyde Park Blvd for their tenant, Delaware North. Delaware North has a 13 year lease with New York State Parks as a food vendor/operator. The tenant will be using the facility for off-season storage and in season food preparation. The buildout will include a full kitchen installation, as well as all associated storage requirements.</p> <p>Existing Jobs at facility –warehouse        5  New Jobs to be created 5  Total 10</p> <p>Retention program is off to a good start, with meetings at both Vishay and Niacet. Both companies are experiencing growth opportunities.</p> <p>The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Agri Business Forum- returns on 3/24</p>
<p>NU-Karen K.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We welcome Karen back to the group!</li> </ul> <p>NYATEP is proud to announce the Buffalo &amp; Niagara Falls, New York Workforce Leadership Academy, a program designed to support leaders in workforce development committed to the advancement of the local workforce ecosystem. NYATEP was one of only six organizations chosen from across the country to deliver an Academy in partnership with the Aspen Institute. More information at <a href="https://www.nyatep.org/Aspen-Institute-Workforce-Leaders-Academy?cid=5c239376-fa05-4987-aa37-17ced39b2cc0">https://www.nyatep.org/Aspen-Institute-Workforce-Leaders-Academy?cid=5c239376-fa05-4987-aa37-17ced39b2cc0</a></p> <p>Working with Glenn and Bonnie on Teacher Assistant certificate program development.</p> <p>NU has purchased a church on Cleveland Ave. in NF and is in process of repurposing the building into class rooms ,community meeting spaces, and computer lab to provide educational opportunities.</p> <p>NYS P4P grant submitted for a training pilot in Supply Chain Management/Logistics. Federal EDA grant submitted for short-term training space renovation.</p>
<p>NAILS- Colleen C.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy recruiting clients</li> <li>• Reminder that Natives can use her services to offset other funding costs.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick instruction in how to determine Native status via mother usually but sometimes father or grandparents.</li> <li>• Three offices Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse in their 17 counties are now fully staffed. Most clients are found in Erie and Niagara counties.</li> <li>• Presence at Career Center explored</li> </ul>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Inclusion Committee of the WDB hosting a virtual informational session for business on February 15 from 8:30 until 10 in the morning. Excelsior Orthopedics, Michelle Plesh, presentation, "<i>Hiring Without Bias/Driving Change,</i>" a one hour slide show focusing on practical applications how a business can embrace DEI in their workforce. There is no cost to attend. Registration thru Marilyn Patterson at the Career Center. See flyer attached.</li> <li>• ACCES-VR is looking for persons interested in becoming independent contractors for job placement services. Interested parties contact Dennis for additional information.</li> </ul>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on February 22, 2023. 9am

Happy Valentine's Day

