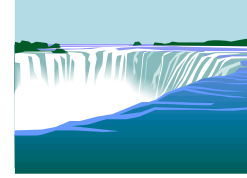


# Niagara County Workforce Development Group

## WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, February 23, 2022 @ 9 a.m.  
**AGENDA**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis, Bonnie, Mike K., Mike C, Joe B2, Brian in absentia.
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
NCE&T Mike K	There have been 9 OJT's for February. Among these were: 3 at Vishay, 2 at Shannon Global Energy Solutions and 1 at J.W. Burke in Akron. Mike outlined some collaboration on the creation of OJT's including a referral from Orleans-Niagara B.O.C.E.S. and working with the refugee resettlement program at Jewish Family Services.
WDB Bonnie R	<p><b>Data Group:</b> Serving on a work group with NYATEP exploring options to unify data. If there is a data source or something you believe we lack the data to track, please share with Bonnie.</p> <p><b>Policy and Advocacy:</b> Attended Town Hall meeting with US Legislators.</p> <p><b>Registered Apprenticeships (RAs):</b> Met with 1 WDB Director who helped to create a new RA, 1 former mfg alliance employee, 1 company that created a new RA in the past year. Exploring ways to improve the pipeline for new RAs in our area. Meeting with MACNY soon.</p> <p><b>Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance:</b> Met with Peter Ahrens in person. He seems very pro-active and is eager to serve Niagara County businesses. Provided him with EMSI data for CNC machine shops in Niagara; he is collaborating with NCCC to create trainings.</p> <p><b>Business Outreach:</b> Met via Zoom with Niacet to assist with recruiting. Niacet has a new management team. Met in person with One Hemp Holistics; they are creating a new LLC as a cannabis company. Offered assistance and referrals to services for hemp company. Don Jablonski will contact Mike Casale to discuss further outreach.</p> <p><b>90% OJT Reimbursements Extended:</b> The grant for 90% OJTs for youth ages 18-24 in Niagara County has been extended until 2023.</p> <p><b>One-Stop Center Renovations:</b> The Career Center renovations have begun! Wallpaper is being removed and fresh coat of paint. Also new non-skid vinyl flooring will be installed. Center is open; reno occurs overnight.</p> <p><b>Four New WDB Members:</b> Zoom Orientation session has been scheduled for Michele Taylor (DOL), Maureen Bartlett (ON-BOCES),</p>

	<p>Jeanne Battaglia (Managed Care Network), and Nasreen Akhtar (Aero Transportation).</p> <p><b>New E&amp;T Employee:</b> Employment &amp; Training welcomes Katrina Riccobono as Counselor reporting to the Youth Team.</p>
NCCED Mike C	<p>Twenty companies have been contacted under Retention including contact with Precious Plate, Niagara Envelope and Olin Corp.</p> <p>Business Workshop is March 2</p> <p>Agri-Business Outreach Forum- April 8, 9a-3p</p> <p>In response to the need to develop more sites for development, the Niagara County Legislature has approved the creation of new industrial park on Junction Rd. in Cambria.</p> <p>The IDA sponsored COVID related relief fund for businesses was a huge hit and available funds were quickly exhausted.</p> <p>A resolution was approved earlier this month that approved the issuance by the IDA's Niagara Development Corp for up to \$90M of tax exempt and/or taxable multi-modal revenue bonds for Catholic Health for the hospital project in Lockport and upgrades to Mt. St. Mary's in Lewiston.</p>
NCCC Brian M.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMT Training: Concluded a successful collaboration with the Niagara Falls Air Base in rolling out an NYS certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with a graduation on base. Below is a link to the article. <a href="https://www.wnypapers.com/news/article/current/2022/02/18/149834/nccc-workforce-trains-national-guard-members-to-be-emts">https://www.wnypapers.com/news/article/current/2022/02/18/149834/nccc-workforce-trains-national-guard-members-to-be-emts</a></li> <li>2. NCCC/Niagara County Employment Marketing Collaboration: The College and County are collaborating to develop an industry contact master list for all (nearly) employers throughout Niagara County. We are in the process of selecting a consultant to provide research services for said endeavor.</li> </ol>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p>The Inclusion Committee of the Workforce Development Board is looking for Niagara County Companies to feature as champions of diversity in the WDB and Career Center Newsletters. Please let Dennis or Bonnie know if you know of companies that fit this bill.</p> <p>Several suggestions of companies were offered.</p> <p>Also looking for panelists for a proposed virtual round table discussion about tapping the largely untapped workforce proposed for May 11 in conjunction with the Diversity Committee of the Buffalo- Niagara Human Resources Association (BNHRA).</p>
NYSDOL Joe B 2	<p>The contract for virtual job fairs is up for renewal in March and there is some speculation that returning to in person career fairs might be reconsidered at this time.</p>

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