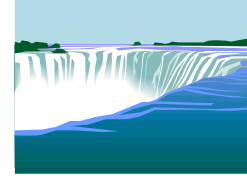


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, March 23, 2022 @ 9 a.m.
Minutes

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Everyone says "Hello"
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
Glen Arorow- Career Center	Traffic is increasing at Career Center, OJTs are doing well as is classroom training. On pace with spending, making funding last until end of year in June. Three career fairs planned for year with the first to be held outdoors at Oppenheim Park in late April or early May, next will be Lockport and the one in the Fall. More information to follow.
NCE&T Mike K	Five OJTs so far in March. Among these were 2 at Vishay and one at Shannon Global Energy Solutions. Unfortunately, two others were lost due to employee issues related to substance abuse. Others OJTs are in the pipeline.
WDB Bonnie R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDB Youth Committee met 3/1. Still offering 90% OJT reimbursements for youth ages 18-24 who live in NF (75%) or Lockport (25%). Accepting worksite requests and applications from youth ages 14-20 for the TANF SYEP program. • Four new WDB Board members. Hosted orientation session, and held a Board meeting in March. • Attended NYATEP sponsored sessions with NYS Legislators to talk about workforce development and all we are accomplishing. • Don Jablonski and I attended the Niagara Pride Open House. Ron is seeking a presenter to speak about Resume and Interview Skills for his 4/23 event in Niagara Falls; please let Ron know if you are interested in speaking. • Mike Casale invited Bonnie for an LCTV taping on workforce development; session was recorded on 3/21.
DSS Joe B1	Still involved in SNAP applications. Learning curve in place for new computer system from NYS. Department is experiencing staffing issues with 27 openings and the use of Temps.
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to resurrect the Spring Diversity Career Fair in June at the central branch of the public library in downtown Buffalo. It will run from 10 to Noon and is open

	<p>to the public. This event is a project of the Diversity Committee of the Buffalo Niagara HR Association. BNHRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also for the BNHRA, May 11, 830 to 10a.m., virtual Panel Discussion, <u>Untapped Talent: How Inclusive Hiring Works for Your Business and the Community</u> Bonnie and Colleen are two of our panelists. https://bnhra.org/meetinginfo.php?id=350&ts=1647876296 • Inclusion committee is hosting a Microsoft training for Business on April 27 about accessibility of its Office programs. • Inclusion is also working on articles to highlight county businesses who have benefitted from diversity in their workforce.
<p>NYSDOL Joe B 2</p>	<p>NYSDOL continues to host virtual career fairs monthly and 60% of job seekers who attend have a college degree. Seasonal employment is resuming with the tourist industry. Other hot jobs are IT, CNC, CDL</p>
<p>NACS-Colleen C.</p>	<p>Client base has increased and there appears to be more interest in employment. Focusing on OJT contracts Two staff have been hired for the Rochester and Syracuse offices. Colleen expects to be busy with grant writing soon Syracuse U is offering a 6-month, online training leading to a certificate in Cannabis Management, Cannabis.ny.gov (Discussion about not using federal funds for anything related to cannabis)</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX, April 20</p>