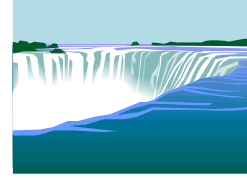


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
ZOOM Meeting



Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 9 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M. Bonnie R. Mike C. Joe B1 Mike K. Brandon B. Chandra W. Katie B. Karen K.
Minutes from February meeting	Yay
<p>REPORTS Alphabet soup</p> <p>NCE&T Mike K</p>	<p>Since last we met, we have completed:</p> <p>1 OJT at Audubon Machine 2 OJTs at Broda Machine Lost 1 at Niacet because the OJT participant didn't like the duties assigned.</p> <p>2 still running at Powells Heating and cooling. 1 still running at Niacet. 1 still running at RUS Industries.</p> <p>Since last we met, we started:</p> <p>1 at Virtual Polymer Compounds 1 at American Glass and Mirror (1st OJT there) 1 at Larsen Services (1st OJT there)</p> <p>Have an OJT starting on Monday at TDA, LLC in Lockport (Used to be dba as Lacey Heavy Equipment and Truck, and now they're changed the dba to Regional Heavy Equipment and Truck).</p>
Career Center Chandra W	<p>Job orders abound while there is a struggle to find candidates. Many on UI are unaware that they can still collect benefits while working PT because benefits are based upon hours worked. New wheelchair lift in career center has made facility more accessible to all job seekers. Planning a ribbon cutting ceremony. An outdoor job fair is also being considered as the weather gets warmer and restrictions are eased</p>

<p>WDB Bonnie R</p>	<p>Bonnie was able to advocate for flexible funding for workforce development, affordable high-speed broadband internet, and assistance for businesses and training institutes via NYATEP's US and NYS Advocacy Days with Legislators and Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul attending.</p> <p>Peter Coleman, Buffalo Niagara Mfg. Alliance, was Guest Speaker at the WDB meeting and shared info on Niagara's economy.</p> <p>There are two new NCCC courses on the ETPL that can be funded with \$4,000 WIOA funds for qualified candidates: Early Childhood Ed and Disability Awareness Ed.</p> <p>We encourage Adults to apply for \$4,000 WIOA scholarships for classroom training. Funding can cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and transportation.</p> <p>We also encourage Summer Youth ages 14-20 to apply for funds. Applications online at http://www.worksource1.com/young-adults/summer-youth-employment-program .</p> <p>Youth ages 16-24 should visit www.niagarawdb.com to learn more about the three WIOA Youth programs, which offer training and employment opportunities for these youth. Purplegator will begin a youth outreach ad campaign very soon.</p> <p>E&T and Bonnie met with NFHS Principal and Guidance Counselors to better integrate their students into training funding and job readiness services at the Career Center.</p> <p>Looking forward to free staff training on Assistive Technology. Jessica Scanlan of NYS OCFS and Brandon Bless of NYS Commission for the Blind will train Career Center staff in the software and hardware available to assist our customers.</p>
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<p>Huron Sprinkler project, see attached.</p> <p>Successful meeting with Tam Ceramics and others as part of the retention outreach to businesses within the county.</p> <p>Agri Outreach Forum had its first session yesterday and a second tomorrow. The first session had 51 participants</p> <p>Small Busines Workshops continue. A general session will be held via Zoom on Wednesday April 14 at 10 a.m.</p>

<p>NCCC Karen K</p>	<p>NCCC Programs-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain- started • Residential Electrical- Starts 3/26/21 • Circuit Bending and Installation -4/12/21 • Hospitality 4/1/21 • OSHA and Safety-ongoing • Pharmacy Technician 5/4/21- Partnership with Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Students will have a 4-week internship to learn compounding and chemo mixing. Excellent experience. <p>Micro-credential- Human Services-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood • Disability Awareness <p>On the ETPL</p> <p>SUNY Workforce Grant – funds released- Businesses taking part of reduced training costs- American Niagara Hospitality, Audubon, Precision Plate, Saint Gobain, Tulip, and Washington Mills</p> <p>New Programs being developed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support-ACLS • Associate Professional Human Resources Certification exam prep • Pediatric Advanced Life Support- PALS • Medical Coding
<p>DSS Joe B1</p>	<p>As the DSS work program is still non-operational due to the pandemic. Joe has been reassigned to Processing SNAP applications.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<p>April 15 morning Panel Discussion for the BNHRA on the Topic of virtual recruitment and maintaining diversity in the workforce featuring Bonnie Rice as one of the panelists and yours truly as the moderator. See link to register https://bnhra.org/meetinginfo.php?id=324&ts=1614200952</p> <p>The Inclusion Committee of the WDB has suggested that the annual business awards include a category for businesses that hire persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Sodexo has a special link for Persons with disabilities to apply for employment with this worldwide company. Will share with the group.</p> <p>Participating in a year-long nationwide training on employer engagement through the U of Mass.</p> <p>ACCES-VR is working on an interactive virtual brochure outlining our business services.</p>

	We are hoping to partner with county summer youth program and can offer support services in the way or job coaching for youth with disabilities
NYS CB Brandon B	Has been an uptick in people seeking services. Transition youth are being served in summer programs
BOCES- Katie B.	Summer programs will begin shortly. Some of these are: Building trades, HVAC, Welding and possibly electrical.
NEXT MEETING the 4 th Wednesday	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX April 28, 9am
Remaining meetings in 2021	May 26 June 23 July 28 August 25 September 22 October 27 November 24 December 22