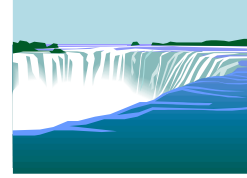


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group**  
**ZOOM Meeting**



**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 9 a.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis Martinez, ACCES-VR Katie Bongiovanni, O-N BOCES Chandra Wingrove, NCE&T Michael Kearny- NCE&T Bonnie Rice- Niagara WDB Michael Casale, NCCED Jola Siemierz- OTDA Joseph Boryszewski- DSS Rob Leteste- Invest Buffalo Niagara Colleen Casali- NACS Karen Kwandrans- NCCC
March Minutes	OK
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b> Rob Leteste of Invest Buffalo Niagara their website is <a href="https://buffaloniagara.org/">https://buffaloniagara.org/</a>  <a href="mailto:rleteste@buffaloniagara.org">rleteste@buffaloniagara.org</a> (716)807-7867	Mr. Leteste demonstrated powerful and expensive software that he can use to produce LMI data in a variety of ways. Designed to market the 8 county region of WNY to prospective companies, the data can also be used for workforce development and targeted marketing. Mr. Leteste is offering this data for our use at no cost. This is a sample that can be accessed now from Rob Leteste to everyone: <a href="https://match.emsiskills.com/skills/job">https://match.emsiskills.com/skills/job</a>
NCE&T Mike K	9 active OJTS: Powells Heating & Cooling RUS Industries (New to OJT) Virtual Polymer Compounds American Glass & Mirror (New to OJT) Larsen Services (New to OJT) Regional Heavy Equipment Niagara Industrial Mechanical (New to OJT) Sunrise Door and Woodworks (New to OJT) Vishay Thin Film (New to OJT)  Upcoming OJTs: 3 at Tam Ceramics, starting 05/03/2021 1 at Knabuilders in Tonawanda 4/29/2021

<p>Career Center Chandra W</p>	<p>The career center is planning more outdoor events including an outdoor career fair at Trott on May 4,(weather permitting) focusing on health care with 14 businesses attending. A virtual meet the employer with Home Depot via Zoom and a tentative large career fair at Oppenheim park on June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 2pm. 30 tables and 60 chairs are needed to make this happen. Looking for sponsors or donations. Similar events are in the planning for Lockport and North Tonawanda.</p> <p>Also, in the planning stages is a service fair with agencies, educational programs and organizations.</p>
<p>WDB Bonnie R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIOA Youth ads are being published in social media and streaming TV and radio by our vendor, Purplegator. They will have a videographer/photographer on site to interview three WIOA Youth on 5/20.</li> <li>• Bonnie continues to participate in weekly Niagara Open Coffee Chat events with local entrepreneurs/start-ups and the WNY Startup Community via Slack online.</li> <li>• Don and Bonnie toured the new Daybreak facility for Heart Love &amp; Soul. Planning has begun for coordinating our services.</li> <li>• Responses for the RFP for Youth Service Providers are due 4/29.</li> <li>• The TANF Summer Youth Employment Programs is accepting applications from youth ages 14-20 and from potential worksites throughout Niagara County</li> </ul>
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<p>Three projects: Rubber Form, Scott Lawn Yard and Brent Industries. See attached project summaries for details.</p> <p>Also recruiting companies for virtual career fairs including TAM ceramics ad Trek</p> <p>Next small business workshop is focus on low cost power. June 16<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>NCCC Karen K</p>	<p>NCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIOA youth grant submitted 4/27/2021</li> <li>• NYS Mandated Infection Control classes -May 12<sup>th</sup> 9am -noon and 6pm-9pm</li> <li>• BLS 5/12</li> <li>• Solidworks 5/17</li> <li>• Servsafe 5/17 and Manager 5/24</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUNY WDT grant refunded- three companies taking part – Washington Mills, Brunner, and American National Hospitality. They will have a total of 82 hours of instruction for 10% of actual cost.</li> <li>• GOALS student in Hospitality, SCM, Residential Electrical, Pharmacy Technician, etc. Doing well- setting up work experiences.</li> <li>• Classes starting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pharmacy Technician- May 3</li> <li>▪ Drone- June 2</li> <li>▪ Google IT- May 13</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Karen will be facilitating workforce initiatives for the City of Niagara Falls and the Director of the City of Niagara Falls Workforce Consortium.</p>
DSS Joe B1	Joe said that his present role continues in processing SNAP applications.
OTDA Jola S.	<p>This from Jola who had technical difficulties joining the meeting:  So sorry for the technical difficulties  Just wanted to say THANKS to one al all for the past few years of friendship and excellent information  I am officially retired as of Thursday (tomorrow)  Anyone who'd like to contact me... - <a href="mailto:jola.simon@verizon.net">jola.simon@verizon.net</a></p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M.	<p>Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jola from all of us!  And a big thanks to Bonnie for being a panelist at the recent training for HR folks on the topic of virtual recruitment and diversity earlier this month.</p>
NEXT MEETING -, the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX May 26, 9am
Remaining meetings in 2021	June 23 July 28 August 25 September 22 October 27 November 24 December 22