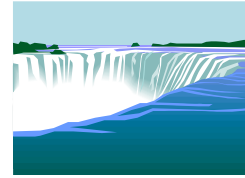


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
ZOOM Meeting



April 29, 2020 , 9 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dennis Martinez, Renee Perry, Brandon Bless, Michael Casale, Michael Kearny, Bonnie Rice, Joe B1, Jola Siemierz, Karen Kwandrans, Chandra Wingrove.

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Two new members: Brandon Bless from NYS Commission for the Blind and Renee Perry, RESTORE Program, NYS Area Health Education Center System
REPORTS	
<p>NCE&T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Center • WDB 	<p>Mike K.- 4 OJT's are on hold due to the stop in business. One OJT in LP is still a go. Hahn Sales in Cambria is interested in an OJT. Hahn is a retailer of fish ponds and supplies. Mike will do a virtual intake for this on Friday.</p> <p>Emails were sent to 753 potential candidates for a job order and there were no responses. Discussion about disincentives to employment at this time including fear and added UI benefits.</p> <p>Customized Training- Health System Services is getting virtual Office 365 training thru NCCC for 44 employees.</p> <p>Virtual Career Fairs- Dennis put us in touch with Rich from Monroe County/ Rochester Works who has some experience with virtual career fairs, using one employer thru Eventbrite. There are other means that involve costs and third party providers that can be expensive. A company that does these is Career Echo.</p> <p>Bonnie Rice- WDB Remote learning with OJT and now six training classes have been developed including: Hospital Supply Chain, Medical Billing, IT Support and Web Development Summer Youth Program needs applicant with schools and community centers been closed the flow of applicants is curtailed. DSS will</p>

	<p>supply 16-21 list. TANF/OTDA will fund and the program will focus on virtual learning experiences rather than placement at sites. It is hoped that a tablet can be purchased for each participant who will then receive a stipend for participation.</p> <p>An RFP is out for youth services which is an \$800K contract. May 5 is deadline. Contact Bonnie for more info about application.</p> <p>Chandra W. – The Onestop/ Career Center is fully functional for job seekers with staff working remotely. Job postings on website.</p>
NCCED	<p>Michael C. – most staff is working remotely. Working on governors plan to get economy up and running again safely Working with Niagara USA and Niagara River Chambers to develop a detailed plan for Restart Niagara. It is expected that Tourism and retail will take a big hit. Confer Plastics is taking a lead in plans to restart the company. Bob Confer was recently featured in Niagara Gazette and on TV.</p> <p>Bonnie Will send us a sample return-to-work plan that San Diego County is using See attached.</p>
NCCC	<p>Karen K. NCCC Both summer sessions will be taught remotely. Nothing has been decided for the fall yet. Medical Billing training starts May 5 Live online and Pharm Tech begins on the 4th Webex. 15 licenses for the Google networking support training have been obtained and seem perfect for the adult learned. More information to follow.</p>
OTDA	<p>Jola S.-Many of the folks at OTDA are volunteering for the NYSDOL,et al.</p>
DSS	<p>Joe B1-Is learning a new job after 34 years doing phone interviews for SNAP. There have been 400 new applications since March for this service. He is in the</p>

	office every other day. His work Program is on hold for now.
ACCES-VR	Dennis M. - ACCES-VR is open and staff are working remotely. We are not accepting new referrals at this time but that might change soon.
NYSCB	Brandon B. - The NYSCB is the other VR program in NYS with a similar mission to ACCES but works with legally blind individuals. Staff are working remotely and are accepting new referrals.
RESTORE	Renee P. - Restore is a program thru SUNY UB and the NYSDOL to provide employment services for woman in Erie and Niagara Counties who have been affected by the Opioid epidemic either directly or indirectly. Renee will forward additional information to the group. Joe said that DSS is very interested.
NEXT MEETINGS -	After some discussion it was decided that our next WDG meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 27 th , 9 Am. NCCC will again host the ZOOM meeting. We will continue in this format on a monthly basis until further notice. Dates of meetings to be determined. Thank You all for attending. Dennis