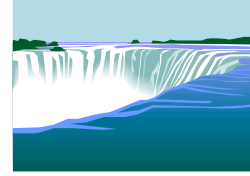


Niagara County Workforce Development Group  
**WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 9 a.m.**  
**Notes/Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Joe B., Mike C., Mike K., Coleen C., Bonnie R. Shirley S.
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
NYSDOL-Joe B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual career fair on 6.21</li> <li>• In Person Career Fair on June 14 at public library downtown Buffalo</li> </ul>
NCE&T Mike K.	<p><b>Active OJTs: 11</b>            3 at Vishay Thin Film.            1 at Nuttall Gear            1 at Tam Ceramics            1 at Impressive Imprints            1 at Baker Tool and Die            1 at Marie’s Sewing Center            1 at Regional Heavy Equipment            1 at Empro Niagara            1 at An-Cor Industrial Plastics</p> <p><b>In the Pipeline:</b>            2 at Vishay            1 at Brown Electric            1 at Larsen Services</p> <p><b>Customized Training:</b>            Finished one at Diversified Manufacturing.            Hope to do another one in about a month.</p>
NAACS-Colleen C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking to fill a position for a Workforce Specialist FT and will serve five counties. Job description attached. Please feel free to share it far and wide.</li> <li>• NAACS has 29 active cases, 31 pending, cover 17 counties.</li> <li>• Colleen covers two departments and 3 programs</li> </ul>

<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Retention</b>-36 companies contacted, 16 meetings some of which involved Workforce development partners .</li> <li>• <b>Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Reliance Fluid Technologies</b> – planning an expansion at a Hyde Park Blvd site that will result in hiring workers and buying new equipment.</li> <li>○ <b>Zecon US Properties</b> is planning a \$5.2 M roject including a new building and 12 new hires for good paying jobs in engineering, and assemble admin. <a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/zeton_us_properties_inc">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/zeton_us_properties_inc</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Five <b>Business Workshops</b> are planned for remainder of the year. Each will focus on a different area including : June 6 for local resources, workforce development on September 20</li> <li>• <b>Focus on Niagara</b>- TV show today’s interview is Dennis Martinez, ACCES-VR</li> </ul>
<p>WDB- Bonnie R.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom-met with Seneca Gaming, Kenan Center, Anovion, and SJI Properties regarding our business services. Referred to Career Center team where appropriate.</li> <li>• Attended IDA meeting regarding Electric Vehicle charging station options for local entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• Attended Destination Niagara's tourism season opener meeting and promoted business services.</li> <li>• Was a panelist for recent ACCES-VR Career Fair at Buffalo Public Library (thanks, Dennis!). Topic was finding talent post-pandemic.</li> <li>• Added new training provider to list of locally eligible trainers, CaHill Resources. Training is for Infrastructure Construction and encompasses remote live instruction and hands-on training.</li> <li>• 6/7 from 11am to 2pm: Oppenheim Park Job Fair. Please encourage your job seekers to attend.</li> <li>• 6/14 from 8:30am to 10am: Free virtual workshop by WDB Inclusion Committee. Topic is finding talent and ways to attract job seekers to your openings. Businesses/agencies can email</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="mailto:marilyn.patterson@niagaracounty.com">marilyn.patterson@niagaracounty.com</a> if they want to reserve a virtual seat.</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spring Diversity Career Fair</b> on April 27 at the downtown public library in Buffalo was a success with 33 employers and over 150 job seekers. The pre-event panel discussion about finding good talent in the post pandemic world included Bonnie Rice &amp; Joel Feuerman was very well received and will be continued as....</li> <li>• <b>Virtual event with the Inclusion committee of the WDB on June 14. See attached flyer.</b></li> <li>• <b>NDEAM-</b> National Disability Employment Awareness Month – we are looking for nominations for employer recognition. If you know of a company that hires persons with disabilities, let Dennis know.</li> </ul>
DSS-Shirley S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JRT Program teaches soft skills. It is a 6 week, five day , 3 hour program that also features customer service skills.</b></li> <li>• <b>Have been working with the Career Center for participant interview skills training and intro to career center services. This collaboration has been beneficial</b></li> <li>• <b>Finding that more DSS applicants are come with exemptions from work due to substance abuse issues.</b></li> </ul>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on June 28, 2023. 9am