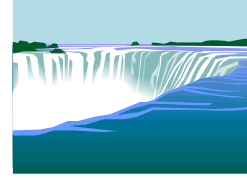


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 9 a.m.
Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M. Bonnie R. Chandra W. Michael K. Michael C. Karen K. Joe B1. Joe B2. Colleen C. Katie B.
Minutes from April meeting	April minutes stand
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NCE&T Mike K	OJT Count: 7 new OJTs: 3 at TAM Ceramics 1 at Audubon Machinery 1 at Powell's Heating and Cooling 1 at Pioneer Printers (1 st OJT at this business) 1 RUS Industries 15 OJTs running currently. Looking at an OJT for Knabuilders in Tonawanda Large company in Niagara Falls that wants to do OJTs but we haven't gotten union approval yet.
Career Center Chandra W	Outdoor Career Fair at Oppenheim Park on June 9. Forty Businesses including GM, Buffalo Fuel, Department of Corrections, Fidelis, the Home Depot, Materion. Looking for at least 100 job seekers to attend. Please spread the word. Flyer attached.

	<p>Also planning a Lockport career fair on June 30 with 15-20 businesses and a rain date of July 7.</p>
<p>WDB Bonnie R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom met with WorldSculpt - planning a 3-D printing project behind Trott Building, in conjunction with Niagara Falls High School. Plan to train NFHS students in 3-D printing and eventually produce/assemble printers. • SwiftRails - referred to grant opportunities, wrote 2 letters of support for grants • Craft Technical Institute - just got NYS Educ Dept approval for training site. Referred to grant opportunities. Working to get NF site in Eligible Training Provider List so we can WIOA fund eligible students. • Local Plan - public comment period had ended. Will be submitted to NYS Dept of Labor. • Local MOUs - awaiting NYS Dept of Labor approval. • Podcast equipment - Don and Bonnie Zoom met with Vidwheel and plan to purchase podcast equipment soon. To be used for outreach, how-to, and information podcasts. • Niagara Open Coffee Chats at TReC, Niagara Falls - continue to attend these weekly meetings for start-ups and entrepreneurs. • WIOA Youth - 3 programs continue to recruit. Watch for our ads through Purplegator! They're on streaming TV, radio, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram.
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<p>Retention outreach has made contact with 51 companies with numerous</p>

	<p>meetings and at least 8 companies proposing or initiating projects. See current project summaries attached. upcoming business workshop focused on Electric Power, June 16 at 10 a.m. Economic Development team is planning to meet with elected officials in Niagara towns, cities and villages to educate about their services.</p>
NCCC Karen K	<p>Karen has been named directed of the newly formed Niagara Falls Workforce Development Consortium by Mayor Restaino. Slide presentation see attached</p>
DSS Joe B1	<p>Still processing SNAP applications.</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p>NDEAM 2021. The theme this year is <i>America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion</i>. We are looking for businesses nominated for recognition in the hiring, retention, and accommodation of employees with disabilities including youth with disabilities. Nomination form is attached</p>
NYSDOL Joe B 2	<p>NYSDOL has been MIA in employer outreach since the pandemic began due to the overwhelming need for processing UI claims. Joe underscored the dire need for employees for many businesses in the area including hospitality. About 1000 job seekers attended the western region virtual job fair on May 6 Based upon this success the DOL may retain this format in the future. Welcome Back Joe!</p>
NACS-Colleen Casali	<p>NACS will finalize its four year strategic plan in June. The office is expanding its territory to include 17 upstate counties. There are two staff positions open: Workforce Development Specialist Type: FT (40 hours weekly) / Hourly / Non-exempt Salary / Range: \$16.83 hourly Office: Rochester (Monroe County)</p>

	<p>And one in Erie & Niagara Counties (Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Lockport)</p> <p>See attached job descriptions.</p>
BOCES- Katie B.	<p>Summer programs are getting underway. Looking for instructors for HVAC, Electrical, and Machine Tool.</p> <p>Katie said that her background is in teaching so that she is looking for experience and information about workforce development. So please feel free to reach out to her</p>
NEXT MEETING -, the 4 th Wednesday	<p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX</p> <p>June 23, 9am</p>
Remaining meetings in 2021	<p>July 28</p> <p>August 25</p> <p>September 22</p> <p>October 27</p> <p>November 24</p> <p>December 22</p>