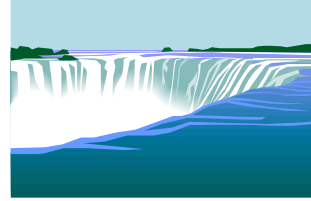


Niagara County Workforce Development Group  
**WEBEX Meeting**



**Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 9 a.m.**  
**Notes/Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Mike C., Mike K., Bonnie R., Karen K., Christina L.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
Member List UPDATE	<b>See attached DRAFT group member list and please let me know if you have edits. The crossed-out names are those that have not attended meetings in the past year. If one of these, is you, please let us know if you would like to continue with this group.</b>
NCE&T Mike K.	<p><b>Active OJTs: 13</b>  Impressive In Prints  Baker Tool &amp; Die  Marie’s Sewing Center  Regional Heavy Equipment  Empro Niagara  An-Cor Industrial Plastics  Vishay Thin Film (2)  Broda Machine  Diversified Manufacturing  Larsen Services  Powell’s Heating &amp; Cooling  Matrix Imaging Solutions</p> <p><b>OJTs in the works: 3</b>  Niacet  Matrix Imaging Solutions  Matrix Machine Specialties</p> <p><b>No more Customized Training for the foreseeable future.</b></p>

Niagara University-Karen K.

**1. NU@822**  
**822 Cleveland Avenue, Niagara Falls**

Academic Innovation HUB

Funding awarded:

- \$1.1M DRI
- \$1.4M HUD
- \$1.3M EDA

Thank you, Mike, for your letters of support

Focus will be short -term training and micro-credentials aligned with in-demand areas identified by Invest Buffalo Niagara and Niagara County WorkSource One.

**2. Teaching Assistant – Multi-lingual**

- Program designed for immigrant and refugee families in the City of Niagara Falls
- First cohort to begin in late August

Thanks to Glenn for his assistance meeting with the students.

**3. Levesque Institute Community Survey-** to identify concerns and focus for programming in the City of Niagara Falls. We will share info with the group once collected (September 2023).

**4. LISC- Neighborhood Assessment-** GIS mapping as part of a neighborhood assessment on multiple areas- also will be available to the public once completed (December 2023).

<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Retention-</b> Have reached out to 51 companies to date resulting in 30 meetings with 24 of these. We usually average contact with 75 companies per year.</li> <li>• <b>Projects:</b> No New Projects. Visit website for complete list of projects  <a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/featured-projects">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/featured-projects</a></li> <li>• Five <b>Business Workshops</b> are planned for remainder of the year. Each will focus on a different area including : Workforce Development on September 20; Brownfields in October and Energy Efficiency for our December meeting.</li> <li>• September 19-<b>Economic Alliance Group</b> meeting with Niagara Falls Public Schools</li> </ul>
<p>WDB- Bonnie R.</p>	<p>Awaiting results from WORC Grant submittal for Northern Border Regional Council on behalf of NCET, NCWDB, NC Econ Dev, and NC Mental Health. Thanks to Mike Casale for bringing this grant to the forefront!</p> <p>Served as panelist for WDB Inclusion Committee's DEI How, What &amp; Why - topic was "Where did the job seekers go?"</p> <p>Free Northstar Digital Literacy training - will offer to One-Stop Partners for their job seeking customers. A4TD has already expressed interest.</p> <p>Toured Laborers Local 91 Training Facility with Don Jablonski. Randy Palladino is in need of job seekers interested in learning a new trade and earning a living while being trained. Also has a collaboration with NFHS, providing training to high school seniors in the trades. Let Bonnie know if you'd like more info for local union training facilities, such as Electrical or Carpentry. There is a dire need for candidates.</p> <p>Attended NYATEP Networking event at the Hyatt in NF, as did Mike Casale and Karen Kwandrans.</p>

	<p>Oculus VR Headsets with TransfrVR training in Career Exploration and various fields such as automotive, health care, customer service: One headset is now in the Niagara Falls Career Center, with the ability to borrow up to 15 headsets for events. This will help attract customers to our services, provide career exploration for customers, and provide free training and certifications for certain career fields. Awaiting the ability to create user accounts for our Career Center team.</p> <p>Disability Resource Coordinator: Collaborating with our local DRC team to submit SCION-DRC Asset Map, Implementation Plan, and Sustainability Plan. This will be Year 2 of a 5-year grant.</p> <p>Adult Priority Population: There is a new NYSDOL performance measure to serve at least 50.1% of Adults who are either basic skills deficient, English Language Learners, receiving PA benefits, or low income. The process is more intense for our Career Center team, but training will continue as usual, with the exception of Customized Training. Please continue to refer individuals to our training programs as usual.</p> <p>Customized Training: We are in a holding pattern for CT because of the new performance measure. All CT customers are a negative hit against the performance. This may change as we become more familiar with our performance outcomes.</p> <p>8/2 - Outdoor Job Fair at Day Road Park in Lockport (Noon to 3pm). Job Fair registration is free for businesses, and attendance is free for job seekers.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fall Diversity Career Fair</b> on October 19 at the downtown public library in Buffalo was a success</li> <li>• Virtual event with the Inclusion committee of the WDB on September 13, featuring <b>Kelley Services Discover program.</b>  <a href="https://www.kellyservices.us/us/about-us/kelley-discover/">https://www.kellyservices.us/us/about-us/kelley-discover/</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NDEAM-</b> National Disability Employment Awareness Month – Employer Recognition Luncheon October 5 at the Tewksbury Lodge in Buffalo. Nine local companies are being honored, one is a Niagara County business.</li></ul>
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on August 30, 2023. 9am