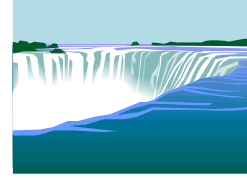


Niagara County Workforce Development Group WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 9 a.m.
MINUTES

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Bonnie R., Chandra W., Karen K., Mike K., Katie B.
Minutes from June meeting	Accepted
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NCE&T Mike K	<p>14 OJTs running currently, 7 new OJTs since July 1st.</p> <p>3 at Vishay Thin Film (Production) 2 at Pivot Precision, formerly Pivot Punch (Production) 1 at Audubon Machine Corp. (Production) 1 at Maple Grove Floral (Office and Warehouse)</p> <p>1 on deck for Caron Manufacturing (Production)</p> <p>1 Customized Training completed successfully since July 1st. At Regional Heavy Equipment & Truck.</p>
Career Center Chandra W	<p>North Tonawanda Outdoor Career Fair today 1-3 at the NT Farmers Market Robinson/Payne. 50 businesses expected.</p> <p>Career Center is extending its hours to 4 pm everyday M-F. Businesses are invited to hold open interviews, 2 companies per day. The August calendar will be out shortly.</p> <p>Community Resource Fair- August 18, 11-2 outdoors at Trott. Email invite is going out soon to many community service programs including all on this call.</p>
WDB Bonnie R	<p>WIOA SYEP grant received - plan to serve 40 youth who meet TANF eligibility requirements. Youth must be ages 14-24 and live in City of NF with subsidized work experience (grant pays the wages). Can potentially run until 12/31/21. Please refer interested youth to Bonnie.</p> <p>NYS GVP grant received - seeking businesses and youth ages 18-24 residing in City of NF or Lockport for this exciting initiative. Youth will become direct</p>

	<p>hires of the businesses and 90% OJT reimbursement will be offered. Youth will also be eligible for supportive services, work readiness training, short-term training, and wrap-around services to help them be successful in work.</p>
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will be conducting our 3rd Business Workshop on Wednesday, August 18th @ 10:00am. This is a general workshop, with presenters from NCDED, the Niagara County IDA, Small Business Development Center, U.S. Small Business Administration, Niagara County Employment & Training, Empire State Development, and ACCES-VR. Link to this and other upcoming events below: 2. Projects include two exciting projects by T.M. Montante in downtown Niagara Falls. (See attached project summaries. 3. Retention update: Reaching out to APM Bridgestone and Custom Laser, as both companies are growing and hiring. 4. See attached project summaries
<p>NCCC Karen K</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 apprenticeships have wrapped up at both Saint Gobain locations. Year 3 will begin in September. SUNY Apprenticeship funds were used for both locations> They were able to access \$5,000 per student to cover tuition. • SUNY Workforce Development Training Grant ended with three businesses taking advantage of over 50 hours of very reduced cost training. • NYSDOL Hazard Abatement Grant was submitted with 8 companies included for free training in 22 OSHA and Safety topics. • Send the group flyers for Sterile Processing, Medical Billing, and Pharmacy technician classes. Those classes along with EMS programs begin in August. • Supply Chain Management, Electrical, Machine Tool, and Hospitality will begin late Fall or early spring • New program Medical Coding- determining which certification exam has the most value in WNY. Dates will be announced soon! • Pharmacy Technician – working with Roswell Park and Buffalo General to provide 4-week internships leading to employment at both hospitals. • Pilot project with Community Missions and Delaware North, working with formerly incarcerated individuals. Hospitality training in an eSports format.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing opportunity to provide NYS mandatory cannabis training for those seeking to do business in the industry. • Working with NFHS to provide short-term training and internships in high-demand areas in conjunction with businesses in the City of Niagara Falls. • See attached program flyers
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p>ACCES -VR staff is returning to the office five days per week starting in August. The office is also opening to the public for in person appointments based upon participant interest.</p> <p>NDEAM- Business recognition awards are planned to be presented at an in-person event on October 28 at the Grapevine Banquet Center in Cheektowaga. There are 24 companies who will be receiving awards.</p>
BOCES- Katie B.	<p>Chuck Diemert has been promoted to Adult Vocational Program Manager and he is the go-to guy for information, etc. relating to this program.</p> <p>Interviews have been completed for the Skills Trades Specialist position. The new person is coming on board soon and will be introduced to this group.</p> <p>Fall Schedule is on the website. https://www.onboces.org/</p> <p>Many changes are happening at BOCES to improve program delivery.</p>
NEXT MEETING -, the 4 th Wednesday	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX August 25, 9am
Remaining meetings in 2021	September 22 October 27 November 24 December 22