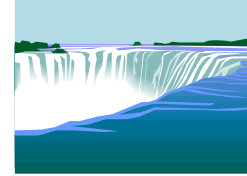


**Niagara County Workforce Development Group**  
**ZOOM Meeting**



**July 29, 2020 @ 9 a.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Attendees: Karen K., Dennis M., Mike K., Mike C. Joe B1. Chandra W., Jola C., Bonnie R.
Minutes from May meeting	OK
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
NCE&T Mike K	<p><b>6 OJT contracts now running</b>            2 new contracts            There has been a great deal of interest by business in OJT, especially with electrical and machine shops. The response from job seekers is less encouraging at present but now that the \$600 PUA is completed job seekers may be more amenable.</p> <p><b>Career Fairs</b> We are planning on doing something along the lines of virtual career fair although there is no time frame of when this will happen. Our challenge is that many of the people we serve do not have access to a computer or have limited computer skills needed. Drive through career fair model is also a possibility. Bonnie offered information about one happening in Ontario County and there appears to have been one in Erie county recently.</p>
Career Center Chandra W	<p><b>Career Center at Trott</b> is now opened without appointment five days per week. Hours are 8.30a to 3p weekdays with closure from noon to 1 for sanitization.</p> <p>A maximum of seven people are allowed in per hour. Persons wishing to visit the center must knock at the door to gain admittance when there is room. Customer flow is slower than before. Temps are taken at the door.</p> <p>Business is starting to use the center for recruitment (Remedy Staffing is coming in on Thursdays from 9-Noon and BOCES will use the center for resume workshops on Fridays)</p>

<p>WDB Bonnie R</p>	<p>The reopening of the career center at Trott will receive some more publicity thru the county legislature and the media.</p> <p>Summer Youth, We have 81 youth employed so far for this program that extends until September 30. We are still looking for work sites. The hiring process has need expedited through the use of a contacted payroll service. <b>WE NEED ADDITIONAL WORKSITES</b> If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in providing an employment experience to a youth, please contact Glen Arrorou at 278-8282</p> <p><b>Ride Sharing Gift Card-</b> We have permission to use these and more information about how this will roll out will be available shortly. These will be available to all participants.</p> <p><b>Youth Service Providers</b> We have three providers of youth services this year for age 16-24 youths. * NCET * NCCC * ONBOCES</p> <p><b>Social Justice</b> If you are interested in serving on an appropriate committee for the City of Niagara Falls Mayor's Commission on Social Justice, please contact:</p> <p>Niagara Falls Social Justice Commission Rolanda Ward <a href="mailto:rward@niagara.edu">rward@niagara.edu</a></p> <p>These meetings are occurring every week, with an anticipated end date of August 31st or so.</p>
<p>NCCED Mike C</p>	<p><b>Virtual Small Business Workshop</b> was held on the 7.14 with much success. There were 31 participants</p>

	<p>including the panelists. Attendees represented a variety of businesses .</p> <p><b>Retention outreach</b> continues to be an important activity with the pace stepped up to contact with 12 companies per month.</p> <p><b>Jacobs Ladder</b>- This company is doing well in spite of the closure of my gyms and is looking to unveil a new line of exercise equipment soon.</p>
<p>NCCC Karen K</p>	<p><b>Pharm Tech</b> August 24<sup>th</sup> class is full. Last certification for the year is 12/20. Several county businesses have hired and are seeking our graduates including: NFMMC, Pine Pharmacy, Summit. Instructors are great. Medical Billing- Starting September 1. Partnership has made it possible to use the MedEx software for training purposes. This program is now used extensively in the industry.</p> <p><b>Sterile Processing</b> class full have increased number of students to 18 per class, next class in October.</p> <p><b>Google IT Support</b> -Getting positive feedback from participants. New class begins on September 14.</p> <p><b>NCCC</b> was selected for the second round of the Workforce Development Grant funding and if selected for the \$1.6M grant will focus upon upskilling in trades such as electrical, machining and welding</p>
<p>OTDA Jola S</p>	<p>Back in the office. Have received training for customer service work associated with EBT program which provides equivalent \$ in lieu of free school lunches. OTDA employees provide customer service for those calling in about this program. May also be pulled in for UI customer service as well.</p>
<p>DSS Joe B1</p>	<p>Working full time in office still waiting for programs to resume.</p>
<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<p>2020 is the anniversary of three important milestones for PWD.  30 years for the ADA  75 Years for National Disability Employer Awareness Month (NDEAM) and  100 years for Vocational Rehabilitation</p>

	<p>This year we have 10 business nominations for NDEAM, 9 are companies who have hired, retained or accommodated employees during the Covid Crisis and one is an entrepreneur with a disability. We are distributing awards to these in person at each company throughout the month of October.</p> <p><b>ACCES-VR</b> is accepting applications for services. We are requesting that these are submitted via our main website. Applications for services should be submitted to <a href="mailto:ACCESVRAPPLICATIONS@NYSED.GOV">ACCESVRAPPLICATIONS@NYSED.GOV</a> Please include an email address and phone number on the application. The applications are being held there and will be sent to the District Offices when ready. ALL ACCES-VR Orientation Sessions have been cancelled and no in person meetings are being held at this time. Our counseling staff is still working remotely for the most part with some limited return to the office, but we are not seeing participants in person.</p>
Did I miss anything?	If you have edits or corrections, please advise.
NEXT MEETINGS -, JULY, AUGUST.	NEXT MEETINGS – ZOOM hosted by NCCC @ 9am <b>AUGUST 26</b>
ADJOURNMENT	Enjoy the Summer!