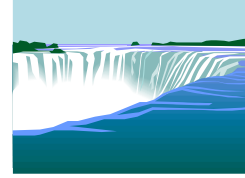


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 9 a.m.
AGENDA

| Item | Result |
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| Welcome/ Introductions | Dennis Martinez, ACCES-VR Bonnie Rice, Niagara County WDB Michele Taylor, NYSDOL JoeB2- NYSDOL Michael Casale- NCCED Brian Michel- NCCC Chandra Wingate- NCE&T Career Center WELCOME BRIAN! WELCOME BACK MICHELE! |
| Minutes from August meeting | None Noted |
| REPORTS Alphabet soup | |
| Career Center Chandra W | IN-PERSON JOB FAIR EVENT Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 11 AM- 2 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niagara WorksourceOne's Back to School & Back to Work Job Fair • Oppenheim Park- 2713 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 • 50+ Businesses • For more information and a list of businesses & positions: www.worksource1.com |
| WDB Bonnie R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-NDWG: Funding of \$40K to be allocated for local employers who hired a Dislocated Worker to perform COVID-related job duties. Thank you to Mike Casale, NCCED; the IDA; and the Niagara USA Chamber for their outreach to local businesses. • NYSGVP grant of \$250K: Planning to begin recruiting in December 2021. Grant will reimburse 90% of new hire wages during training period. New hires must reside in City of Niagara Falls (75%) and City of Lockport (25%). • WIOA-SYEP: 30 youth enrolled out of 40 planned enrollments. Youth must live in City of Niagara Falls. Program hires youth ages 14-20 and program pays their wages. • NYATEP Lunch-and-Learn: Bonnie presented a training on DocuSign, e-signature software. Let Bonnie know if you'd like the info. • WDB Youth Committee and Inclusion Committee met recently. • NYS Workforce Development Initiative CFA: Bonnie attended NYATEP meeting with two NYS Governor's Office reps. Program has |

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| | <p>been streamlined. They promised to be responsive to any questions within 48 hours. See Bonnie if you need the contact info.</p> |
| <p>NCCED Mike C</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremely busy with Retention outreach • OXYChem closing has upset supply chain in area. negotiations with company proceeding, stay tuned for additional information • Emerson & Renwick in Lockport very interested in providing work experience. for youth. • JW Berg Machine is expanding operations, as is Bison Bag and Brent Industries • Micro-Enterprise funding now available in Niagara County Towns. Cities have their own funding • CARES Funding \$1M available for businesses affected by COVID • Business workshops: (virtual at 9:30a.m.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 20- focused workshop on Import/Export with specialists in this field providing information ○ December 8- General information workshop |
| <p>NCCC Brian M.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit bearing program related to the emerging cannabis industry in NYS. • US ED Dept. grant subsidized child-care for students and also available to the community at large. More information to follow. • Reach out to OxyChem re: Ed opportunities for displaced employees has produced no results. • In process of reorganization to better use limited resources |
| <p>NYSDOL Joe B 2 Michele T</p> | <p>Western New York Job Fair Events Erie & Niagara Counties</p> <p><u>VIRTUAL JOB FAIR EVENTS</u></p> <p>Thursday, October 7, 2021, 11 AM- 2 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Love NY Hospitality Virtual Job Fair • Statewide hiring event- local & statewide opportunities • Use Google Chrome to register: https://nysdolvirtual11.easyvirtuallfair.com/# <p>Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 11 AM- 2 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western New York Virtual Job Fair • Featuring local job opportunities • Use Google Chrome to register: https://nysdolvirtual2.easyvirtuallfair.com/# <p>Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 11 AM- 2 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western New York Virtual Job Fair • Featuring local job opportunities • Use Google Chrome to register: https://nysdolvirtual2.easyvirtuallfair.com/# |

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| <p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDEAM honors 24 WNY businesses who have benefitted from hiring persons with disabilities including two NYS Awards. List attached. Awards will be presented at individual businesses during October. • INCLUSION Committee of Workforce Development Board is hosting a virtual business panel discussion on November 3 from 830- 10am on focusing on retention of current employees who may develop disabilities. Panel members include reps. from Confer Plastics, Seneca Gaming, NFMMC, Home Depot and Center for Assistive Tech. For more information contact Dennis or Bonnie. • Other virtual events aimed at Business contact Dennis for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 20, 9-10a.m. with ECC and Autism Services Panel discussion of employment and autism spectrum ○ November 9, 9 -10:30 a.m., disability awareness ADA training for employers presented by Upstate ACCES-VR Business Relations. |
| <p>NEXT MEETING -, the 4th Wednesday</p> | <p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX October 27, 9am</p> |
| <p>Remaining meetings in 2021</p> | <p>November 24 December 22</p> |