

Consortium Meeting Minutes 3/8/18

In Attendance: Shelly Cogliandro, Joseph Davis, Andrea McGraw, Joseph Lopez, Michael Woloson, Carol Kramer, John Vrabel, Jennifer Weaver, Mindy Laursen, Karen Springmeier, Amanda Lesterhuis, Greg Maine, Marcy Lynch, Jane Sullivan, Jeffrey Weise, Melissa Stuart, Julia Murphy, Cierra Caldwell

I. **Call to Order:** Joseph Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Carol motion, Marcy 2nd.

III. **Partner Programs: All partner programs were invited to this meeting.**

Commission for the Blind - Jane Sullivan, District Manager of the Commission, gave an overview of services (needs assessments, worksite assessments, assistive technology evaluations) as well as information on program eligibility (Legal blindness is 20/200 vision or worse with correction in the better eye and a visual field of 20 deg. or less) and partnerships with Acces-VR (those that do not qualify for the Commission are referred to Acces for services). Jane stated that there are two adult counselors in the Finger Lakes including one in Dundee New York who can meet clients in the Career Centers. At age 14 those that meet the criteria can enter the program for Adult Voc. Rehab Services as well as contracted out, specialized vision rehab services. Senior-Adults receive services to promote independence and to help them maximize the use of their vision. The Commission has a loan closet at SUNY Buffalo in which equipment can be loaned out for up to 3-months including hand held magnifiers. All the equipment must be tied to a customers' needs and training is available for staff.

Job Corps – Cierra Caldwell, Western NY Admissions Counselor, gave information on the Job Corps Programs available and is looking to set up Orientations at the various Career Centers in the Finger Lakes on a reoccurring basis. Job Corps has rolling admissions and therefore she can schedule ongoing recruitments and she is holding a recruitment at the Yates Career Center today from 12pm – 2pm. All the 125 training programs are self-paced and can last up to two years (for programs such as LPN/Advanced Automation). The program covers youth from 16-24 and follows the same poverty guidelines as WIOA Adult Eligibility. Job Corps has Career Transition Specialists that can assist with Job Placement as well as academic accommodations, assistive technologies and auxiliary aides.

Finger Lakes Hired – Jeffrey Weise, Education and Employment Specialist, discussed plans to provided targeted marketing to eligible clients and to provide recruitment assistance with the long term unemployed. Jeff is looking to outreach to businesses who are looking to fill vacancies and to start to provide orientations in the Career Centers in April to connect job seekers and businesses. Jeff is willing to work with the county BSR's starting in Wayne and Ontario to "meet people where they are" and to develop training plans. He can help the BSR's do the same for DW and Adult eligible customers as well as those that are eligible for Access-VR OJT's.

WIB Committees:

Workshop – Met February 9, has completed resume, interviewing, and jumpstart workshops.

Marketing- Will meet on March 14.

Serving Individuals with Disabilities – Needs to reschedule. Jane is interested in joining.

Performance & Evaluation- Met March 7th - discussed the decrease in traffic numbers.

Finance & Audit- Met on February 28th

Youth- Next meeting on March 14th – will discuss CDOS credential.

Governance-Will schedule a meeting for the Spring

Executive- Met March 7th

Veterans- Will meet today at 3pm in Geneva

EconDev & Workforce Dev- April 20th – All Board Members will be invited

Next WIB Meeting- Will meet March 21 at HWS Scandling Center, Mike will present Labor Market Info.

Roundtable:

Marcy – Discussed upcoming trainings including AMM at Gould’s which has 1 slot available and is still looking to fill the Mechatronics in Victor, as well as CNA classes in Clifton and Newark. AMM at GW Lisk is getting ready to graduate and Lisk will be picking up all of the graduates as full-time employees.

Shelly – Updated the list of referrals received by Acces-VR counselors and will send back to the Career Center staff so we can follow up with inactive clients. Acces-VR will have a college and career fair on March 14 at WFL BOCES in Newark.

Karen – Karen wants to make sure staff is trained on the referral process and partner programs. Karen suggested working to develop a recruitment event for October for Disability Awareness in the Career Centers.

Carol – Discussed accessibility at the Career presented a list of devices Acces-VR can loan out through the Rochester office. Like the Commission for the Blind, it must be tied to a client and training is available.

Melissa - Stated that there will be a College and Career Fair on March 14th at WFL BOCES in Newark and one March 15th at the Wayne Tech. and Career Center in Williamson.

Julia – Reported that she will be setting up interviews for a Spanish LSR in Geneva and that the LSR backfill position in Lyons is still in pending status.

Mike – The I Love The Finger Lakes Job Fair will be on April 19th and Registration is still open for businesses. The Health Care Career Day will be on March 20th and 10 school districts have RSVP’d. Both events will be at FLCC in Canandaigua.

Amanda – Ag. Day will be April 19th, still in need of volunteers as well.

IV. Next Consortium Meeting will be on 5/10/18