

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
VETERANS OUTREACH MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Geneva Career Center (New York State Department of Labor)
70 Elizabeth Blackwell Street, Geneva, NY

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andrea Badger, Chris Caughey, Michelle Coomber, Jennie Erdle, Mindy Laursen, Jeremy Marshall, Julia Murphy
Staff: Michael Woloson, Jennifer May

I. Introductions/Approval of the Minutes from October 19, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Caughey and seconded by Ms. Erdle. All in favor, motion approved.

II. November – Veterans Outreach Month – Review

Turnout for the Career Center events was low, despite promotion. The lack of interested job seekers can also be attributed to the low unemployment rate and veterans receiving other services. It was suggested that an event be planned for May, at one Career Center, with a panel of employers to answer questions and give advice to veteran job seekers.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Woloson to provide number of veterans registered in OSOS to monitor the ongoing 20% increase goal. Mr. Woloson to also provide breakdown of services and funding.

III. Fort Drum Outreach/Upcoming Job Fair

The next event will possibly be held in March and Mr. Marshall plans to attend. Mr. Marshall plans to attend the West Point event in June/July as well.

IV. New York Serves

Action item follow up – Mr. Woloson spoke to the Consortium about utilizing NYServes. The Consortium is reviewing and discussing.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Woloson to contact Laura Stradly regarding NYServes.

V. Other Business/Round Table

Ms. Erdle spoke of the extraordinarily successful Vets Week at FLCC, where they currently have 218 registered veterans. She also talked to the comm the vet advocacy group and a grant that is being put together through SUNY. Additionally, Ms. Erdle mentioned the Lets Talk Campaign, which teaches veterans how leadership skills and other skills learned in the military relate to life outside of the military.

ACTION ITEM: FLWIB and DOL (Career Centers) to send information sheets to Ms. Erdle electronically, who will then print and distribute at FLCC.

VI. Adjournment

The next Veterans Outreach meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer May
Executive Assistant