

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

Thursday, March 8, 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, Karen Dean, Mindy Laursen, Julia Murphy, Phil Rouin
Guest: Lance Rearick
Staff: Michael Woloson, Jennifer May

I. Introductions/Approval of the Minutes from January 18, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Badger and seconded by Ms. Coomber. All in favor, motion approved.

II. Numbers

Fifty-six veterans registered in the system from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; twenty-two percent of PY'16 total. Ms. Badger mentioned the FLCC Vet Club, operated by Ms. Erdle, as a great resource regarding what veterans would respond to and how to reach them. Ms. Coomber informed the group of the 590 Program, which will pay UI to veterans following service while they return to school.

III. Job Fair – April 19

Registrations for the FLX are ongoing and currently there are sixteen exhibitors registered. If Ms. Coomber is able to attend the Job Fair, she can register interested veterans in the system and could host a Federal resume workshop. Other possible workshops were discussed, such as the FLCC Vet Club. Ms. Murphy suggested that veterans be given flag stickers at the job fair to ensure that they are easily recognized by employers and staff.

IV. Fort Drum Outreach/Upcoming Job Fair

Mr. Marshall will not be able to attend the West Point event and more information is to come regarding the May 3rd job fair. It was suggested that better ways to track success of the job fairs be researched, so that the programs may continue.

V. New York Serves (follow up)

Mr. Rearick gave an in-depth description of New York Serves and examples of what is provided for veterans and families.

VI. Other Business/Round Table

Mr. Caughey spoke of the expansion of IEC and said they might be interested in the FLX Job Fair. Ms. Coomber told the group about the Supply A Smile program that helps uninsured Ontario County residents obtain free dental care. The advanced manufacturing machinist program offered through FLCC and ITT Goulds is a full enrollment and the mechatronics program is still taking enrollees.

VII. Adjournment

The next Veterans Outreach meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer May
Executive Assistant