

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

Thursday, July 26, 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: Carrie Ahearn, Andrea Badger, Chris Caughey, Michelle Coomber, Shelly Cogliandro, Jennie Erdle, Ed Hemminger, Mindy Laursen

Staff: Michael Woloson, Jennifer May

I. Introductions/Approval of the Minutes from May 10, 2018

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

II. Numbers

The numbers served are lower than expected due to the age range, with many veterans being passed the age of employment. Also noted was the reluctance of some service members to label themselves as a veteran. It was suggested that the question, "Have you ever served in the military?" be asked, rather than asking if the person is a veteran. Attracting spouses and family members to veteran groups and events could be a way to reach veterans in need of services.

III. Other Business/Round Table

Ms. Coomber stated that there will be a mental health expo at Nazareth College on August 1st, where DOL will have a table and material. Military Week will be held by FLCC November 5th through 9th, with a military ball on November 9th and Blue Star Mother's Day on November 12th. The Veterans Outreach Center will host a service member job fair on August 23rd at Temple B'rith Kodesh, in Rochester. Ms. Cogliandro reminded all members to ensure that they are sending disabled veterans to ACCES-VR for further services.

IV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer May
Executive Assistant