

FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 8:30 am
via Zoom

Attendance: Kathy Baker, Tom Facer, Lynn Freid, Julia Murphy, Rick Plympton

Absent: John Mueller, Mike Rusinko

Staff: Jennifer May, Karen Springmeier, Mike Woloson

A motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2020 was made by Mr. Plympton and seconded by Ms. Murphy. All in favor, motion carried.

Purpose Statement

The committee reviewed suggested revisions to the statement and further recommended that the use of a work plan be reinstated and language reflecting this suggestion stay in the statement. The work plan will be reviewed and updated bi-annually.

Dashboard

Mr. Woloson reviewed the unemployment rates for PY'19, including comparing August to September. In September, the Finger Lakes unemployment rate significantly decreased from 8.2% in August to 4.9%. New York State saw an average of 9.4% unemployed and the U.S. 7.7%. Front door traffic increased greatly in August, to 1,165 due to the number of remote contacts by career center staff being captured. Mr. Woloson also reviewed services utilized by participants so far in PY'20: 11 customers participated in classroom trainings and 9 in OJT. Additionally, website traffic rose by 4 users from July to August.

On-the-Job Training Report PY'19

OJTs in PY'19 were mostly in the manufacturing sector. New hire OJTs had an overall success rate of 84% and Upgrade OJTs had a success rate of 83%.

Primary Indicators of Performance

The report shows that for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of PY'19, the Finger Lakes region surpassed the established goal for Employment Rate for Adult and DW. The region also surpassed the goal for the 2nd quarter in the Youth program, and achieved 95.8% of the goal in the 3rd quarter. The baseline for Credential Attainment goals is still being set for all programs.

“SkillUp Finger Lakes”

Mr. Woloson broke down the number of registrants by Career Center and zip code, showing that the Wayne County Career Center had the most users register for Skill Up, but Geneva had the most registrations per zip code. Further, Mr. Woloson pointed out that the number of women registrants far outweigh the number of men (74% vs. 26%) and the highest number of registrants seem to be in the 46-60 year old range.

One Stop Operator Update

The first meeting of the program year with the One Stop Operator, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, was held on September 9th and was well attended. The Council and WIB staff are working together to plan virtual staff trainings.

Cluster Update

FAME - Mr. Plympton shared Optimax participated in a successful virtual event hosted by the New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership for NYS Manufacturing Day, on October 16th. He would like to see if it would be feasible to have a similar event on a regional scale. Additionally, FAME's Image Committee is collecting video from manufacturers of tours of facilities and descriptions of their companies to curate a video library. Donations to the FAME scholarship are being sought from companies and past scholarship recipients.

Other Business:

Finger Lakes Works Career Center Operations

Geneva – No plans for reopening at this time; overtime has been mandated for Department of Labor staff through November 11th. The majority of staff are continuing to assist with unemployment claims, although 3 staff members are providing career center services virtually.

Ontario/Hopewell – The center is now open to the public and appointments are encouraged. The resource room is available to walk-ins until room capacity is reached.

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Wayne/Lyons – The center is open to the public, but DOL staff have not returned. Computers are available to visitors for in-person job searches and the location is available for in-person employer recruitments, as long as they adhere to social distancing regulations.

Seneca/Waterloo – The center is open to the public by appointment only and job orders are being taken. HSE classes are being held at the location on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Yates/Penn Yan – The center is open to the public by appointment only, but staff may serve walk-ins if space and time allow. HSE classes have also resumed at the location, on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Committee and Board will be provided updates as they occur.

The committee discussed recommending the approval of the following training providers and programs: Connections Peer Recovery Training, Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA); 160 Hour CDL – A Professional Driver Training Program, Professional Driver Institute, Inc.; Registered Nurse Refresher Course, Corning Community College.

A motion to recommend approval of the training providers and programs was made by Mr. Plympton and seconded by Mr. Facer. All in favor, motion approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Submitted By: Jennifer May