

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

Monday, December 14, 2020
Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Karen Dean, Ed Hemminger, Jennie Erdle-Krampen, Alé Mendoza, Blair Morgan, Phil Rouin, Todd Sloane
Staff: Jennifer May, Michael Woloson

I. Career Center COVID-19 Update

Mr. Woloson stated that all career centers, except for Geneva, are open to the public by appointment and staff are also connecting with customers remotely.

Mr. Rouin stated that the Yates County office is now open full-time and appointments are encouraged.

Ms. Morgan shared that the casino has reopened, but restaurants are still closed. Draft Kings has a lowered capacity and there are currently 384 team members currently employed.

Mr. Mendoza reported that Optimax has stayed open throughout the pandemic, but those who are able work remotely. He also shared that there have been 9 positive cases at Optimax.

Ms. Dean informed the group that Reliant locations are now hiring additional essential workers. Additionally, she stated that the bank's loan volume has "been through the roof", with a lot of home owners taking advantage of being home and doing home repairs and improvements.

Mr. Sloane stated that ¾ of all FLCC courses have moved online and 40% of manufacturing trainings have been paused. Manufacturing trainings are likely to be offered on a hybrid basis in February. He and Ms. Erdle-Krampen reported that the spring semester will begin on February 1st.

Mr. Hemminger shared that it is difficult to fundraise in the present environment.

II. Priority of Service

Mr. Woloson shared that he created a YouTube video explaining Priority of Service for Veterans and how it relates to career systems and the workforce system. The video also gives an overview of services available to Veterans.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. May to send FLWIB's YouTube video link to committee members.

III. Employer Panel

On January 21st, the WIB will host a virtual employer panel geared towards Veterans, with Alé Mendoza of Optimax, Mary Granger of Finger Lakes Health and Todd Hansen of Henkel (formerly Zotos) serving as panelists.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. May to send marketing flyer to committee members.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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