

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
via Zoom

Wednesday, March 28, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Ashley Burke, Kim Craig, Rick Plympton, Kathy Shay, Jane Sullivan
Staff: Lynn Freid, Jen May, Mike Woloson

I. Welcome/Introductions/Updates

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Commission for the Blind is performing intakes face to face and staff are in the office at least two days a week.

Ms. Burke shared that Mosaic is desperate for employees and that many of the available positions are at prevailing wage, not the minimum. She also stated that Finger Lakes Textiles created winter headwear for the military and target.com.

Ms. Craig stated that Ontario ARC is continuing to support people during the pandemic, with many activities face to face again. They too need employees.

Ms. Jungermann reported that the ARC cleaning crew is also short staffed and both North Star Coffee and Bad Dog Boutique are now open again.

Ms. Shay shared that ACCES-VR is not yet seeing customers in person and all support is remote/virtual. Additionally, referrals have been down in general but there has been a bit of an increase over the last month.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Woloson to share Amanda Lesterhuis' contact info with the group re: youth employment opportunities.

II. Other Potential Committee Members

The group discussed the following ideas for potential members:

- Catholic Charities
- FLACRA
- Lakeview Mental Health
- Veterans' Affairs
- WFL-BOCES, Petra Rae

III. National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

Nomination forms are likely to come out mid/late May and will be shared with the group.

IV. Other Items

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Woloson to invite representative from Enterprise to future meeting to discuss possible solutions to transportation issues.

V. Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen May, Executive Assistant