

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

Thursday, July 17, 2021  
Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

**Members:** Karen Dean, Ed Hemminger, Rick Plympton, Kathy Shay, Todd Sloane  
**Staff:** Lynn Freid, Jen May, Michael Woloson

**I. Approval of the April 23, 2021 and May 14, 2021 meeting minutes was tabled until the July 15, 2021 meeting.**

**II. Career Center COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Woloson reported that all career centers are open to the public except for the Geneva office. Ms. Freid shared that DOL has given approval for in person meetings to resume and although UI Fraud is an ongoing project, DOL staff are likely to return to the office to resume career center services soon.

**III. Podcast/Radio Program**

Mr. Rouin was not in attendance to provide an update on the recent radio show which featured Joseph Davis, who discussed services available to veterans at the Yates Career Center. An update will be provided at the July meeting.

**IV. Fort Drum**

There has been no update on the Fort Drum recruitment dates.

**V. Other Business**

Mr. Hemminger reported that Veterans' lunches have begun again, as well as fundraising. The challenge of finding veterans who are in need of their services still exist.

Ms. Dean stated that Reliant is doing well and planning for the Red Cross Veterans Day Brunch is underway. Veterans and their families will be invited and tables will be set up to share information regarding offerings from all available outreach programs.

Mr. Sloane reported that FLCC's healthcare programs are up and running, but Advanced Manufacturing programs are still on hold, but will hopefully begin in the fall.

Mr. Plympton shared that Optimax has hired 30+ people in the last 2 months, with another 30-60 to be hired before the end of the year.

ACTION ITEM: WIB staff to contact Mr. Brooks re outreach activity that has proven effective by Lisk.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jen May  
Executive Assistant