
**Fulton, Montgomery & Schoharie Counties
Workforce Development Board, Inc.
Business Service Consortium
Meeting Minutes**

Facilitator: Nancy Reccio
December 11, 2018

Attendees: Erin Abele, Debra Bartman, Beverly Bush, Christy O'Callaghan-Leue, Connie Glover, Chris Larrabee, Jennifer Swart, Ashley Walton, Joel McHenry

Introductions

Job Orders

Job Orders are posted on Job Central and can be found at: www.labor.ny.jobs.

Updates

Debra Bartman and Joel McHenry (St. Mary's Healthcare PROS)

Deb works with St. Mary's PROS (Personalized Recovery Oriented Services) which has been in existence almost ten years. Joel McHenry is their new contact for Montgomery County and is located at the Memorial Campus in Amsterdam. Deb remains in Fulton County full time. She noted that all of St. Mary's Mental Health services in Fulton County have merged into one building in Gloversville (the former Argersinger's store on N. Main Street).

Christy O'Callaghan-Leue (HFM BOCES)

Christy is working through HFM BOCES with one of their new grants. She is working with incarcerated individuals to develop their job skills in the Manufacturing, Healthcare, or Distribution job sectors. They meet twice per week and focus on developing plans for when they will be released.

HFM BOCES will have ongoing orientations for their classes in January 2019.

The next high school equivalency exam (TASC) to be held at HFM BOCES will be 12/18 and 12/19/18. The exam is totally computerized.

Erin Abele (Liberty ARC)

Erin noted that her facility is struggling with recruitment and finding workers. She and Wally Hart, Lexington Center, have informational articles in the Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Newsline (newsletter) spotlighting their agencies and services.

Ashley Walton (Liberty ARC)

Ashley stated that they are in continuous recruitment for Direct Support staff. The positions require a valid, driver's license and HS diploma/high school equivalency.

They are also in need of RNs and Employment Specialists at both Liberty ARC and New Dimensions. Applicants can apply online. They offer family support and flexible schedules.

Connie Glover (ACCES VR)

Connie stated that their 5-year CRS (Core Rehabilitation Services) contract is under revision with increased rates and services. They are still unsure who their Youth Services provider will be.

Beverly Bush (ACCES VR)

Bev works for several agencies but in essence motivates, follows up, and offers support to ACCES VR participants.

Jennifer Swart (FMS Workforce Career Center)

Jen stated that the FMS Workforce Career Center Youth Program serves 16-24 year olds in high school equivalency classes and work experience. The Youth Work Experience Program can offer 500 hours of paid work experience to youth while they also attain their high school equivalency diploma.

Nancy Reccio (FMS Workforce Career Center) and Chris Larrabee (NYS Department of Labor)

Nancy announced there is no Mini Job Fair in the Amsterdam Workforce Career Center in December. The next mini job fair will be Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 from 10 am – 12 noon.

The FMS Workforce Career Centers has received a two-year Dislocated Worker training grant. The grant offers classroom or on-the-job training assistance to Dislocated Workers in our area.

Nancy and Chris will be speaking with the staff of John C. Miller auto dealership in Johnstown on Wednesday, 12/12/18 regarding reemployment services as the business will be closing on 12/13/18. The 'rapid response' team also met with the workers at Fieldbrook/Washburn's Dairy last month prior to that facility closing on 11/30/18.

The new Senior HR Manager for the Dollar General Distribution Center which is being constructed on Rt. 5S in Amsterdam has been utilizing the Amsterdam Center for interviews. The VP of the company also visited the Center and is very pleased with our services. Chris stated that 60-90 days prior to opening the new DC, the company will be holding community information sessions to recruit workers. They will need 500-700 workers and plan to open the facility in September/October 2019.

The US Census is recruiting for their year-round and 2020 openings.

Keymark has made their first trips transporting workers from Amsterdam to their Fonda plant and back. They recruited in the Gloversville area and are hoping they can get enough workers to justify adding a transportation run to the Gloversville/Johnstown area also.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Amsterdam Workforce Career Center.