



Workforce Development Board

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Executive Board Meeting August 26, 2021 at 12:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown, NY

The Executive Board met on August 26, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn at noon. Present was Matt Cooper, Chair; John O'Driscoll, Secretary; Jody Pettit, Vice-Chair; and Rod Castillo, Vice-Chair along with Director Mayforth and Angel Munson, One-Stop Manager.

The agenda was presented for the upcoming meeting on September 16, 2021 at the Lincoln Loft on the Square. Due to the fact that the caterer has a staffing shortage, the breakfast will start at 8:00 am with the meeting beginning at 8:30am. As with many area businesses, operations hours were adjusted.

During the regular board meeting, Ethan Brown will be presenting on the Summer Youth Employment Program. With the Pandemic still looming, we will attempt to keep the meeting as short as possible and hopefully we can return to having special speakers/presenters in the near future.

Angel Munson presented the One-Stop report. With the additional unemployment benefits soon to run out, the centers are seeing more job seekers than individuals seeking to have their unemployment claims straightened out. The booth at the Farmer's Market continues to see job seekers stop by and talk with the employers that our joining us each week.

The agency will be holding a job fair on September 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn from 10:00-2:00. We are seeking to keep the number of employers to a manageable number in order to keep distance between tables and job seekers. Due to the Chamber of Commerce having limited staff, the Jefferson-Lewis WDB will be holding a Spring job fair as well.

The J-L WDB will also be taking the lead on Workforce Connections. We are in the planning stage as this takes the most time. If the event has to be cancelled, that involves simply sending out an email. The cost may be around \$1200.00 and the Chamber will be providing a list of businesses that have sponsored the event in the past. Director Mayforth will seeking sponsorships. We will be revising the Perkins Grant to include the costs of Workforce Connections.

After a discussion on the current labor shortages, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.