

# Skills Committee Agenda –February 15, 2022

1. Introductions
2. Updates from WB and Committee Members as a Result of COVID-19
3. Goals and Objectives for the Skills Committee
4. Focus Group Session with Local Area Occupational Skills Training Providers
5. Northeast Regional Planning Efforts – HUB Grant, Behavioral Health Proposal, Year 3 Regional Planning
6. Update on Face-to-face Services at Career Center
7. Next Meeting – April 12, 2022

# Updates

## Goals and Objectives for the Skills Committee

### *MAJOR THEMES FOR FY2022 - 2026*

- *Identify and develop strategies to help employers and job seekers to reskill and grow post-COVID 19 – in particular those who have permanently lost employment*
- *Analyze and document academic skills necessary to be successful in post-secondary environment*
- *Use performance data for more discussion and promote future research and program enhancements*
- *Seek out private grant funds for regional/intra-agency programs*
- *Career Pathway development and translation for staff of all partner agencies*

# Focus Group Session February 17

- *Discussion about the current status of training, e.g., are they fully enrolled or not? What have been the challenges with completions? How are placements going? Other comments?*
- *Where do we see gaps in training opportunities in relation to job availability, particularly in our critical and priority industries?*
- *How could we expand training opportunities in the region? What is standing in the way? How much money would be needed? How do we increase interest in training? Other comments?*

# Regional Planning

**Regional Planning – address the unemployment and labor shortage challenges facing the State and Regions in the State:**

- 1. Focus Group Work***
- 2. Documentation of all training providers/courses in the local area as well as in the region***
- 3. Capacity campaign to scale up provider networks to deliver retraining for 52K people over three years***

# A few ideas....

How can we do a better job finding trainees/workers?

- Small contracts with non-profits/community to target potential customers for training?
- Local Marketing Efforts (print, air waves, social media)?
- Employer forums on trends and highlights of particular industries?
- Local LMI that is readable and usable?



# Doors are OPEN!

Update on Face-to-face Services at Career Center -  
Career Center is OPEN for in-person services!

- Doors are open for in-person services!!!!!!!
- Virtual Services are still available
- Job Fairs are taking place
- Youth Career Center is moving to North Shore Community College in March (Spring Break Week)

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## Update on career center activity

- *Since December 1, 2021*
- Total walk-in customer: 108
  - UI Services - 77 customers / 71 %
  - Job search or training services – 31 customers / 28%
  - Placements - 16

# Workforce Skills Committee

- Other Updates from Committee Members
- Next Meeting – April 15, 2022

Thank you! 😊