

# Skills Committee Agenda – June 15, 2021

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# Updates

## 4-Year Plan - 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*

# Updates

## One-Stop Procurement *Update*

- Full Board Vote – May 13, 2021
- North Shore Career Center was approved as the One-Stop Operator/Service Provider
- Contract is being drafted with goals and benchmarks to be achieved over the next 4 years
- Workforce Systems Committee will continue to oversee the contract and performance of the Career Center



# Mass Internet Connect

- Do you lack internet access to conduct a job search?
- Do you lack the technology (laptop/desktop) to conduct a job search?
- Do you need assistance with basic computer functions/programs?



Mass Internet Connect is a new program that provides subsidized internet access and/or an internet accessible device to assist with tools necessary to get back to work.

Please contact either of the following staff members to go over eligibility and to learn more about these great resources. Initial eligibility includes:

- Must be unemployed and a resident of MA
- Currently working and/or ready to work with our MassHire Career Center. We offer great services for job seekers and those looking to enter a training program to improve their skill sets.

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-Device referrals have been extended through the end of the year (12/31/21)

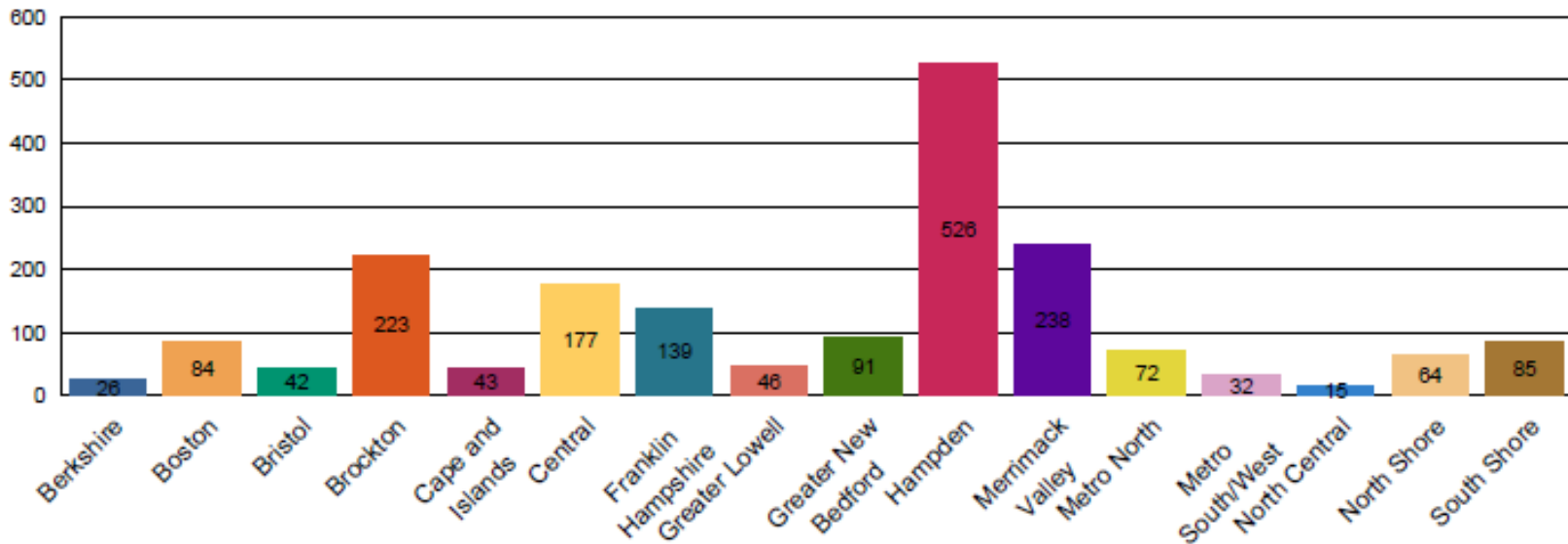


To access detailed information about this program, use your camera phone on either of the URLs. Program ends 6/30/21.



Report Period: 12/23/2020 - 06/14/2021  
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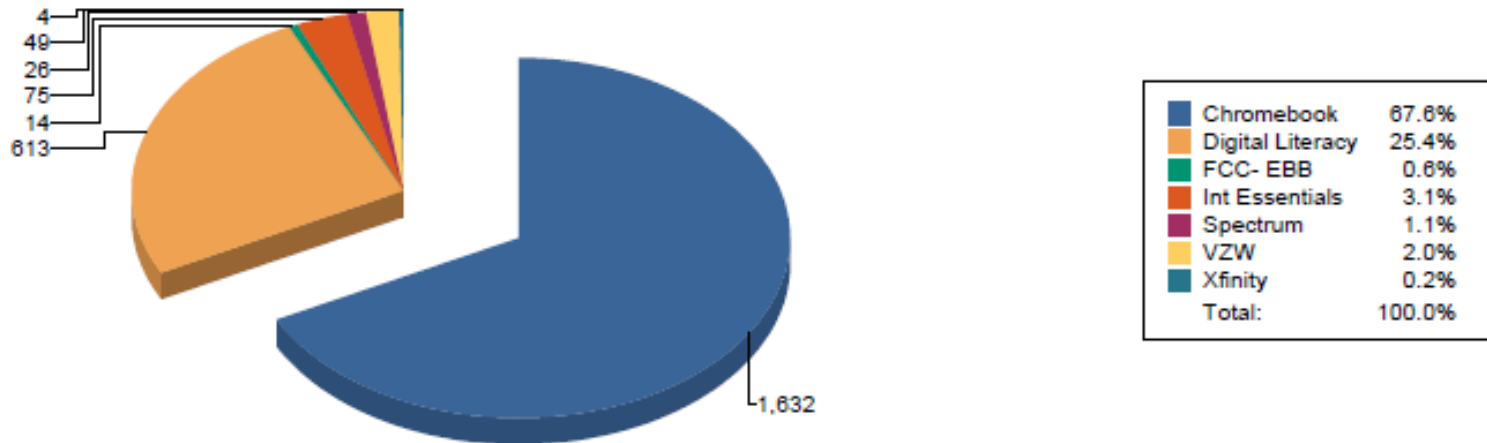
### Mass Internet Connect (MIC) Program Customers Served by Workforce Area



Total Customers Served: 1897

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## Mass Internet Connect (MIC) Program by Type



# Healthcare Hub Project Proposal

## Overview –

### Healthcare Training and Career Ladder Development

#### **2-Year Grant :**

- Contract has been signed
- Hiring for .5 FTE Program Coordinator in process

#### **Program Highlights:**

- Group 1: Recruitment of 45 unemployed/underemployed for CNA and/or MA training and 10 that are interested in becoming RNs
- Group 2: Recruitment of 10 incumbent CNAs and/or MAs that are interested in training and becoming RNs

# Project Timeline

- **2-year grant starting in June 2021** – hire a part-time project coordinator
- **June 2021 – August 2021:** Recruitment of 30 (?) unemployed for CNA and/or MA training who are interested in becoming RNs
- **June 2021 – August 2021:** Recruitment of 15 (?) incumbent CNAs and/or MAs who are interested in training and becoming RNs
- **September 2021 – April 2022:** Unemployed participants will go through training (CNA, MA) and are hired by employers
- **September 2021 – May 2023:** Participant check-ins, monthly info sessions on nursing programs (financial aid) – potential attendance in general education or related courses
- **September 2021 – May 2023:** Academic tutoring for test taking (TEAS or like exam to get into nursing programs)
- **June 2023:** Enrollment and acceptance into nursing programs 70% (?) of original unemployed and incumbent workers



# Healthcare Hub Education Committee

- Collecting an inventory of healthcare training programs in vo-techs, community colleges, and universities in Northeast region
- Discussion themes:
  - Faculty shortage and difficulty finding candidates with the minimum education and experience required for the pay offered (waitlists)
  - Need for ESOL support
  - Students' difficulty paying for tuition
  - Difficulty finding clinical placements for students
  - Students struggle to attend class and manage childcare

# Workforce Skills Committee – June 15, 2021

- Other Updates from Committee Members
- Next Meeting – October 19th, 2021

Thank you! 😊