

Meeting Notes: May 19, 2021

Meeting was held at Girls at Work in Manchester, NH and also via Zoom

Moderated by Jennifer Landon, Sector Advisor, Mark Hodsdon, Sector Champion

Girls at Work

[Elaine Hamel](#), Founder and Program Leader with Girls at Work welcomed the group and provided an overview of their mission and events:

“[Build Me Up Summer Camp](#)” In addition to their traditional woodworking projects, this year women from Pease will spend time working with the girls on building an underwater robot.

[Team Build](#): Build your team as you build picnic tables that are donated to area nonprofits.

Know someone looking for a [marketing internship](#)? Contact the office to learn more.

[Click here to learn more about Girls at Work or to contact one of the staff.](#)

Update - Job Fair

Feedback from employers and job seekers during the Virtual Construction Job Fair held May 19 was positive

- Employers Registered/Attended: 59/49
- Resources Registered/Attended: 5/5
- Job Seekers Registered/Attended: 240/143

1. Campbell from PeopleReady stated: “As a recruiter attempting to hire Tradespeople during these times hasn’t been easy. This event today I spoke with more candidates than I have over the past 2 weeks from advertising with (*online job boards*). This was truly helpful in my search for qualified candidates and look forward to more events in the future.”

If your company participated, please share your feedback with Jennifer@abcnhvt.org

ApprenticeshipNH Update

ApprenticeshipNH is working with NH Home Builders Association and ABC NH/VT to develop a Residential Carpentry Apprenticeship. Details are in the works.

American Steel Fabricators is hiring for their [Welder-Fitter Apprenticeship](#) opportunities. Course work at Manchester Community College is credit-bearing which allows apprentices to earn the

Welding Certificate and additional credits that can be applied to the Associate Degree in Welding. Application deadline is June 11, 2021.

The new ApprenticeshipNH informational piece is available on the [Construction Sector Partnership](#)

Construction Partners

[Pennichuck Water Works](#)

Mary DeRoche, Director of HR stated “Construction maintenance is a large part of our industry.” Alan Brown, Distribution Manager indicated that they are challenged with finding qualified candidates to fill [open positions](#). Pennichuck offers good benefits, competitive pay, and it’s a company that’s directed to the environment. In addition to announcing their employment opportunities, Pennichuck is looking to partner with construction related organizations.

DENRON Plumbing & HVAC

Denron is hiring [HVAC Sheet Metal Installers](#). Although experience is preferred, they are willing to talk to candidates of all skill levels. Denron offers OJT and has a great program for sending installers to school to get certified. Contact [Justin Dussault](#), HVAC Production Supervisor to learn more or to apply.

Educational Programs

[Material Price Escalation](#): Wednesday, May 26 starting at 8:30 a.m. In person or Zoom. [Click here](#) for information and to register.

Basic Construction Law Sessions: *Click on the date to learn more and to register*

- **BUILDING CODES & STANDARDS** [Thursday, May 27, 3:30-6:00 p.m.](#)
- **DELAY & DISRUPTION** [Thursday, June 3, 3:30-6:00 p.m.](#)
- **PAYMENT TOOLS** [Thursday, June 17, 3:30-6:00 p.m.](#)
- **DISPUTE & TERMINATION** [Thursday, June 24, 3:30-6:00 p.m.](#)

[NH Saves](#)

NH Saves is a collaboration of New Hampshire’s electric and natural gas utilities working together to provide NH customers with information, incentives and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect our environment statewide. All the regional utilities. [Click here](#) to learn about free webinars, K-12 programs, savings tips, resource

Education Partners

CCSNH, The Foundation for New Hampshire’s Community Colleges, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) have partnered to provide [“A Gift to the Class of 2021.”](#)

Every 2021 NH high school graduate is eligible for one three-credit fall semester course at any of the seven NH community colleges. The gift covers tuition for a three-credit course and fees, up to \$755 per student!

Placement Requests

Welding student looking for an extended learning opportunity. Contact:

Sarah Boddy-Snee, Work Based Learning and Career Pathway Coordinator

Seacoast School Of Technology

603-775-8464 | <https://sst.sau16.org/>

POP - Prison Outreach Program

Great Bay Community College is partnering with NH Correctional Facility for Women to offer a program teaching women aspects of wood working. A similar program has been offered at the men's correctional facility. [Lynn Szymanski](#) of GBCC and Leah Woods, a woodworker who teaches at UNH are looking to develop a 12 week program teaching all aspects of woodworking and furniture design and are hoping to make it a pre-apprenticeship program. The program:

- addresses employer hiring needs and is creating a pipe-line that would be beneficial to local companies.
- program needs companies who would consider hiring one of the completers of the program.
- would like to use the company name as POP solicits more support and funding for the program.
- is looking for companies willing to review the curriculum for relevancy.

Contact [Lynn Szymanski](#) to learn more.

- NH League of Craftsman is going to have a [display of furniture](#) made by the men from The NH State Correctional Facility. e

SNHU's Construction Management Program, going experiential

SNHU is incorporating experiential learning into its [BS in Construction Management](#) curriculum, which will provide students with opportunities to be immersed in the industry.

- The program would like to expand partnerships within NH. Reach out to Amanda Holmes in the Career & Professional Development Center, a.holmes@snhu.edu.
- The program has a dire need of adjunct instructors-two for this fall and potentially more for the spring. <https://g.co/kgs/6XSWS>

To learn more, contact: Nathaniel St Jean, AIA, NCARB, RA

Assistant Professor of Construction Management

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NEPRIS / VLACS

- Please consider volunteering as a virtual presenter
- There are opportunities to present to all ages
- Great networking opportunities

Community Partners

MY TURN

Female student looking for an apprenticeship in the Nashua area in the electrical field. Contact: Mary Peters, Job Developer for Southern NH

mpeters@my-turn.org | (603)361-7357

Manchester Community College Summer Camps

MCC & Gear Up (a Manchester School District Program) are seeking employers to hold hands-on activities that will expose high school sophomores to careers in construction:

“Hard Hats On” summer camp

July 8th and July 29th

Noon – 2:30 pm

10-15 students each day

Contact: [Kristine Dudley](#), MCC Workforce Development (603) 206-8161

Manchester School of Technology Summer Camp

MST is offering a free summer camp targeting 8th graders that will help familiarize students with MST's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

July 26 - 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Application](#) & [Health Form](#) Deadline: June 22, 2021

NH Employment Program

[Lisa Bowers](#), Job Developer, works with people who are receiving TANF benefits, helping with career job search. The Workplace Success program offers on-the-job training funds, 50% of the

training wages, up to \$5,500 reimbursement for hiring one of their clients. [Click here](#) to learn more.