

## **CORE Team Minutes January 24, 2023 Brattleboro Region**

### **Introductions/participants:**

HireAbility/Brandy Reynolds/Bonnie Haug-Cramp, VABIR/Collier Shutter/Josh Hallock, Youth Services/Megan Grove, College Steps/Brya Emery, HCRS/Jessica, VCAP/Caroline Trevarrow, Job Corps/Gene Woodcock, DOH/Debra Forreth, WSESU/Tate Erickson, VDOL/Ana Griffiths.

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome and Introductions.
- Special Guest Presenter; Employer/Training Provider - Mongoose Power Solutions, Spofford, NH. Michelle Hilger, Robert Gedaire.

### **Guest Presentation:**

- Today's CORE Team welcomed guest presenters Michelle Hilger and Robert Gedaire of Mongoose Power Solutions, Spofford NH.
- Mongoose offers onsite service and repairs to diesel power generators.
- Mongoose is also developing and hosting The Power Academy. This is an innovative training program for Emergency Power Systems Technicians/Generator Technicians.
- This will be the first dedicated, full time, training program nationally.
- Mongoose seeks to fill a void in the industry by offering hands on training, onsite apprenticeships, and On The Job Training opportunities.
- Initial design of the program is 12 weeks, full time, including alternating 6 weeks of lab and 6 weeks in the field.
- Next class, Introduction to Electrical Power Generators is scheduled for 2/6/23 to 2/10/23.
- Another session tentatively begins in April 2023, dates to be announced.
- The program is currently building a funding structure of community resources, such as Dept of Labor, state grants, and HireAbility. Employer direct funding is also to be considered.
- Candidates should possess the following qualities; problem solvers, mechanical aptitude, motivated by substantial earnings potential, likes change and diverse activities, likes being outdoors in all weather, care about serving others, responsive in emergencies, physically capable and fit, shows initiative, responds to hands on learning.
- Training is mostly hands on with supplemental reading, writing, physics, and math.
- Youth, ages 17 and older, headed for high school graduation or GED will be considered.
- Program costs are estimated to be between 15 K and 20K. Not yet confirmed.
- For more information, contact; Mongoose Power Solutions, 603-363-4842, 1757 Route 9, Spofford, NH 03462. [michelle@mongoosepowersolutions.com](mailto:michelle@mongoosepowersolutions.com).

**Next CORE Team Meeting is Tuesday 2/28/23 at 3:30 to 4:30 physical and remote invite to be shared.**