

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 10 / 14 / 15

2. General Information:

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Other - type reason

Agenda Header: Standing Committees

☐ Accept as Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Approval of quarterly report

3. Supporting Materials

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract

☐ Other:

1. 4Th Qtly Report July-Sept 2015

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☐ Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

☒ Budgeted - Tribal Contribution ☐ Budgeted - Grant Funded ☐ Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Primary Requestor/Submitter: Dale Powless, OCPB Chair
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: Jeanette Ninham, OCPB Secretary
Name, Title / Dept.

Additional Requestor: _____
Name, Title / Dept.

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report
For Oneida Business Committee
Period: July, August, Sept 2015
Fourth Quarter report due October 6, 2015

ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD

Dale Powless, Chairman
Lois Strong, Vice Chair
Jeanette Ninham, Secretary
Beverly Anderson, Member

Wesley Martin, Member
Carol Silva, Member
Beverly Skenandore, Member
Lisa Summers, OBC Liaison

Michelle Mays, Attorney

Pat Garvey, Attorney

MISSION: To secure a stable environment that includes the physical, mental, cultural and financial well-being of Oneida children.

PURPOSE: In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, etseq. , the purpose of the Board is to protect the best interest of Oneida children and to promote the stability and security of Oneida families. When placements of such children in foster or adoptive homes or facilities are necessary, these homes must reflect the unique values of Indian culture. For this purpose, the Board may intervene in federal, state, and county courts concerning the following proceedings: foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement, adoptions and out of home placements.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Oneida Child Protective Board meets weekly and by special requests from family members, counties departments, or community members.

MINUTES

Due to confidentiality nature of minors, all minutes are kept in locked fireproof file cabinet.

FINANCIALS

The OCPB is on schedule with meeting our financial goals. The board is on budget at this time.

- -Carol Silva & Jeanette Ninham attended ICW Directors meeting in Keshena, WI on July 7th & 8th, 2015.
- -Dale Powless, Wes Martin attended Drug Identification & Recognition to support Tribal Justice in Albuquerque NM, July 21-23, 2015.
- -Lois Strong, Carol Silva, Beverly Skenandore attended the Clinical Strategies for treating Anger and Aggression in children and Adolescents in Appleton WI, Green on July 29, 2015.

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- -Lois Strong, Carol Silva, Beverly Skenandore attended the 2015 Mindfulness Therapy in Neenah, WI August 26, 2015.
- -Wesley Martin attended ICW Directors Meeting in Hayward, WI (LCO Casino & convention Center). September 15th & 16th, 2015.
- -Jeanette Ninham 2015 Conference on ICW basic, ICW-Advance, Tribal Customary Adoptions in Portland, OR Sept 22-24 2015.
- -Jeanette Ninham, Carol Silva, Dale Powless 2015 Conference on Child Welfare and the Courts Moving Toward a Trauma-informed, in Wisconsin Dells, WI Sept 30-Oct 2, 2015.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate appropriate training opportunities for OCPB members for certificate/report of completion per OCPB Bylaws.
- Develop working relationship and improve judicial relationships through meetings with tribal, state, and county personnel.
- Work in accordance with the Oneida Law Office and Tribal Social services to enforce the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

COMMENTS

- The Policy Statement resolution changes to the placement for Oneida Children for the Oneida Child Protective board have been approved by the Business Committee. Look at requesting the customary adoptions be included in the preference list.
- Reviewed bylaws for any needed revisions.
- The counties are currently paying anywhere from \$800 to \$1,800 per child, per month for out-of-home placement. In addition, all families with adopted Oneida children receive a special needs stipend of about \$750 a month until the child reaches 18 years of age. What is the strategic plan for the Oneida Tribe to budget for these expenses when the tribal judicial system is implemented? This question was asked in our September 2014 report and to date there has been no response on a strategic plan. (Attached) In a recent article from the green bay press talked about how when the children are ageing out they will still be able to receive payments. What is the strategic plan for the Oneida Tribe to budget for these expenses when the tribal judicial system is implemented? The strategy would be Tribal Contribution funds with some funds from the Title IV program.
- The remainders listed are challenges that the OCPB is facing. OCPB intervenes in cases when an Oneida child is removed from the home. What is being done in the area of prevention and intervention to prevent removal of a child from a home? What role does the Oneida Indian Child Welfare play in the prevention and intervention phases of maintaining children with their families? The Board would like to see an emphasis on active efforts being made in the area of prevention and intervention. We will work toward addressing this need by consulting with Indian Child Welfare staff and county social workers to learn where their

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ideas are in this matter. One idea would be to change who is being removed from the home, customary has always been the children, maybe the parents should be the one being displaced.

- Continue to work with Doug from the LRO on the children's code.
- The OCPB actively heard, discussed and recommended the best solution for cases that came before us. The following chart demonstrates the approximate number of cases for the quarter:

