

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

Deadlines

Instructions

1. Meeting Date Requested: 03 / 12 / 14

2. Nature of request

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - justification required. See instructions for the applicable laws that define what is considered "executive" information, then choose from the list below:

Agenda Header (choose one): Report

Agenda item title (see instructions):

ONCOA Quarterly Report to OBC

Action requested (choose one)

☐ Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Quarterly report required in ONCOA Bylaws

3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

Quarterly Report required in ONCOA Bylaws

4. Supporting Materials

Instructions

☐ Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract (check the box below if signature required)

☐ Other - please list (**Note:** multi-media presentations due to Tribal Clerk 2 days prior to meeting)

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☐ Business Committee signature required

5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one): Melinda Danforth, Council Member

Requestor (if different from above): Wesley Marting, Jr., ONCOA Chairman

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed):

Name, Title / Dept.

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ONCOA QUARTERLY REPORT TO OBC

March 2014

Period: December 2013 & January, February 2014

**MISSION: ONCOA ADVOCATES FOR ALL SERVICES THAT PLACE
PRIORITY ON THE WELL BEING OF OUR ELDERS**

ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING

Wesley Martin, Jr., Chairman

Arlie Doxtator Vice-Chairman

Marlene Summers, Secretary

Shirley Barber, Member

Clifford Doxtator, Member

Pearl Mc Lester, Member

Carol Elm, Member

MaryAnn Kruckeberg, Member

Charlene Cornelius, Member

Melinda Danforth, OBC Liaison, and David Jordan, Alternate OBC Liaison

Primary Focus Areas for ONCOA

- Long Term Care Services & Support -- Personal Care Agency; ORCCC; Aging Disability Resource-Specialist; affordable & accessible Elder Housing
- Communication with Tribal Elders and Elder Service staff
- Training & education of ONCOA and staff

ONCOA Meetings December 2013 and January & February 2014*

Dec. 10 – ONCOA mtg	January 11, 2014	February 11, 2014
Dec. 16 – ONCOA mtg	January 21, 2014	February 18, 2014
Dec. 17 – ONCOA mtg	January 24, 2014	February 28, 2014.
	January 29, 2014.	

SPECIAL EVENTS/TRAINING/EDUCATION

Oneida Resident Centered Care Community Project Implementation Team (ORCCC-PIT)

- ONCOA identified the ORCCC Project as a high priority project to help meet the long term care needs of the Oneida People. The ORCCC Facility opened up Long Term Care Program options for our elderly and disabled people. Included in this project are: Skilled Nursing Home Care, Assisted Living Care capability, Community Congregate Meal Site, Elder Group Activity Center, and Physical and Occupational Therapy Areas.
- All members of ONCOA attended the project team meetings to maintain an understanding of the project. Project team meetings are held once a month on Friday at the Elder Services conference room. OBC members are invited to attend any of the Friday meetings.
- The project management process of scheduling regular status meetings to keep key players informed of the progress of various stages of development was very successful.
- ONCOA would like to see these types of communication meetings continue as a forum to discuss other areas of need such as the Elder Village Neighborhood project. This team along with other tribal departments could look at other issues of importance to the Oneida community with the emphasis on serving the elder population.

- Leading these Project Implementation meetings was Dan Skenandore who had the patience and perseverance to take the time to maintain the information flow and to keep ONCOA informed during the entire ORCCC project management process.

Adult Day Services and Elder Services Garages for the Apartment and for Home Chore Maintenance.

- ONCOA has decided to pursue addressing the need for **Adult Day Services and Elder Service Garages for the apartments and maintenance.** The Adult Day Service and Maintenance garage was deleted from the original ORCCC project and slated for future development. Somehow the CIP package (#05-013/May 31, 2007) for the Elder Services apartment garages was deleted from the CIP list and it needs to be reinstated. All three projects are related to the development of the Lee McLester III Complex. ONCOA will be working with Elder Services to move these projects forward.

Elder Village Cottage Neighborhood Planning

- Affordable and accessible housing for our elders is another priority of ONCOA. ONCOA held several meetings to address this need. The Elder Village Neighborhood Cottage Concept was well received by the elder audience at the Riverdale Meal Site location. ONCOA will continue to keep elders informed as the project progresses through various phases of development.
- A major focus for ONCOA this past quarter has been the Elder Village Cottage Neighborhood planning. This is a project that has been in the planning for several years. ONCOA met to develop a strategic communication plan to make sure elders are aware of any developments. Coordination efforts will continue with OHA, Oneida Planning, Oneida elders, and the OBC through the development, design, and construction phases.
- The projected date to start construction is July 2014.

Wisconsin Tribal Aging Directors Association

- ONCOA members participated along with Elder Services Director, Florence Petri. All eleven tribes belong to this association and meet to discuss Aging Issues in Indian Country and formulate ways to best meet the needs of our Native Elders.
- This is a collaborative relationship that ONCOA has maintained with Elders Services and the other tribes since the inception of the organization.

Elder Service Staff Meetings

- Elder Service Staff Meetings are held once a month. ONCOA Commissioners are welcome to attend. Updated monthly calendar of events, speakers, and staff information comprise the agenda. There is an ONCOA Representative in attendance to provide a status of ONCOA Activities.

Elder Service Supervisor Meetings

- The Elder Service Supervisor Meetings are held once a month. The ONCOA Chairperson and ONCOA Coordinator attend these meetings. This is an opportunity to be informed and share processes and projects of Elder Services Supervisors.

Aging and Disability Resource Specialist

- An Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a one-stop shop for accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. The ADRC provides information on a broad range of programs and services, helps people understand the various long term care options available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publically funded long term care.
- The Oneida Aging and Disability Resources Specialist will provide information specific to Oneida services as well as services in the surrounding communities.
- The state will provide funding for the ADRC-specialist position (2) and will designate an Oneida representative to the Brown County and the Outagamie County ADRC governing boards.
- *(The grant proposal was submitted by Elder Services and was approved by the OBC at the February 26, 2014 meeting.)*

Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is offering states and tribes between \$850,000 and \$1.93 million in grant funding in order to build sustainable community-based long term services and supports specifically for Tribal members. Wisconsin must have an active partnership with the participating Tribes or Tribal Organizations. Oneida has submitted a letter regarding our willingness to move forward with the state in developing systems to address tribal member needs. Each Tribe selects an option that is most appropriate to the tribal needs.
- Oneida Elder Services is interested in developing a Tribal Personal Care Agency along with needed infrastructure to deliver Long Term Care services to Oneida tribal members.
- At this time Oneida has not received notice when the grant will start.

ELDER TREE GRANT

- ONCOA was accepted to be part of the Elder Tree grant. Elder Tree (ET) is an evidence-based software system designed to help older adults remain independent, safe, healthy and engaged. ET can be used tablet, laptop, and desktop computers. ET helps elders meet challenges they often face, such as loneliness and isolation, transportation, falls prevention, medication management, navigating the health system and obtaining high quality home services. ET is designed for elders, but can be used by family and other informal caregivers, clinicians, libraries, senior centers, etc. creating a community of information and support for elders.
- This grant is part of a federal CMS grant that has not started yet. There has been a pilot Elder Tree project going on in the Milwaukee area for several years. It is expected that the grant will start in April.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

ONCOA meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Elder Services Conference Room. Other special meetings are held during the month to address specific topics related to the goals and objectives of ONCOA. All meetings are open and community members are encouraged to attend.

GOALS

GOAL I	ONCOA will create policies and work together with Elder Services in an effort to improve the quality of life of our Elders.
GOAL II	ONCOA will communicate with Elders on issues, policies and services in order to increase their awareness and participation.
GOAL III	ONCOA will advocate at all levels (tribal, local, state, national) for resources to provide for elder services

COMMENTS

Each commissioner, along with the ONCOA staff, brings with him/her a varied background of employment, education, and life experiences to work toward a common goal of advocating for services that place emphasis on our elders. The following is a list of community involvement for the current ONCOA commissioners and staff:

Oneida Nutrition Board	ONVAC (Oneida Indian Veterans Association)
Anna John Nursing Home Board	GLNAEA – Elder Abuse Task Force
National Indian Council on Aging	Oneida Personnel Commission
Oneida Child Protective Board	Wisconsin Elks Association
King’s Veteran Home Board	Oneida Library Board
Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Board of Directors	
Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee (elected)	
Great Lakes Native American Elders Association, Board of Directors & members	