

**SEOTS ADVISORY BOARD  
QUARTERLY REPORT (Jan-March 2014)  
SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**A. Submitted by:**

Pamela Ninham-Chairwomen  
Jackie Zalim-Vice Chairwomen  
Valerie Webster-Secretary  
Carol Wenzel- Advisory Board member  
Kymme Goodrich-Advisory Board member  
Chris Luttrell-Advisory Board member  
Mark Powless- Director

**Oneida Business Committee liaisons:** Ed Delgado, Vince Delarosa, alt- Melinda Danforth. We have had no communication with our liaison, and would like to request another OBC liaison, or that our Alternate be assigned as our Liaison for the remainder of this.

**B. Minute's update-** minutes are on file.

**C. Action Taken**

**D. Financial-** With cost containment, the Advisory Board budget is under. We would like to be involved in the budget process for the SEOTS operations.

**E. Programs:** Our SEOTS office does a lot with offering resources and referrals to Tribal members. They also have become a central location in the community where local agencies come on-site to offer programs and services to Tribal membership. During February and March, Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center provided staff at SEOTS to assist Tribal members getting signed up for health insurance, in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

In December 2013, a SEOTS and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee partnership resulted in a grant funded smoking cessation pilot program for Oneida Tribal members utilizing hypnosis. The program (currently underway) will assist smokers to quit smoke as well as gather data regarding the effectiveness of hypnosis on the Native American population.

Currently there is no such data. We anticipated 15 people signing up. Currently 31 Tribal members have signed up for the program.

During the 2014 tax season, SEOTS has been able to offer monthly tax preparation services that are free to community members. The service is possible due to a partnership with the Social Development Commission of Milwaukee. Through the program, 68 people received free tax preparation.

#### **F. Special Events and Travel – None**

**G. Comments •** We have been offering suggestions on how to recruit more youth for the summer program and how to expand hours to include Saturday but SEOTS is limited on staff and volunteers. The SEOTS office consists of the Director, Community Education Specialist and 2 part time admin staff, plus a grant funded Child Support Case Worker. We are looking at how we can work together with the Director to grow the services offered here.

**H. Goals and Objectives -1...** Increase participation, have open communication and hear more voices. 2. Tabled - Explore a change from an *'advisory' board to a full board with more authority*. Our Advisory Board is just that ADVISORY. We need direction from the OBC as to what direction this Advisory Board needs to move. Either we stay an "Advisory board" or we move to a functional board with share responsibility with the OBC or stand alone? Like some of the Boards within the tribal structure? then the OBC needs to direct this Advisory board to move forward with this change.

3. We need to create a long term vision for the community building here in Milwaukee and with our families in Oneida. As we move forward with the redesign plan. We have encouraged SEOTS Director to have more community meetings for both communities.

**I. Meeting Requirements •** By-Laws require 7 members, 2 meetings per month with Special and Emergency Meetings. Only 1 meeting per month is paid.

**Need to review by-laws and change meeting requirements to 1 meeting a month.**

**J. Follow up-** Finalized building purchase. Next phase is remodel phase. We met with Mike Showers and Paul Witek to ensure that everyone is being communicated about this project and has involvement in the remodel phase. Identified Our SEOTS Director Mark as being the customer. All comments, suggestions about design phase will go through him and he will forward to Mike S. The projected date of completion is December 24,2014.