

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 07-13-16-A Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment**

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has determined that the overall goal of the Oneida Nation is to protect, maintain and improve the standard of living and the environment in which the Oneida people live; and
- WHEREAS,** long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health & Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and
- WHEREAS,** the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:
- General Health Status
  - Activities of Daily Living
  - Visual, Hearing, and Dental
  - Tobacco and Alcohol Use
  - Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
  - Social Support, Housing, and Work; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and
- WHEREAS,** the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and

**WHEREAS,** Summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

**WHEREAS,** The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University or North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Nation hereby authorizes participation in the most current *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*. The Oneida Nation grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Oneida Nation belongs to the Oneida Nation and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."