

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

1. Meeting Date Requested: ~~01 / 28 / 14~~ 02/11/2015

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:

Agenda Header (choose one): BCC Report

Agenda item title (see instructions):

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report

Action requested (choose one)

Information only

Action - please describe:

Approve the quarterly report submitted

3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

In accordance with the Policy Governing Board, Committee, and Commissions. BC approval is required.

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): Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Requestor (if different from above): Lois Strong, Chair

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) Save a copy of this form in a pdf format.
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Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report  
For Oneida Business Committee  
January 28, 2015  
Period: October, November, December 2014

**ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD**

Lois Strong, Chairwoman  
Beverly Anderson, Vice Chairwoman  
Beverly Skenandore, Secretary  
Wesley Martin, Member

Jeanette Ninham, Member  
Dale Powless, Member  
Carol Silva, 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 placement 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, 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.

**TRAINING**

Due to cost containments, the OCPB will only be attending training in the immediate area. Several member of the Board attend the Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Conference held in Green Bay, WI November 6 – 8, 2014. One or more members of the Board attended the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Board of Directors meetings in September and November of 2014.

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**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 Board has met with the Oneida Law office regarding new representation as our previous Attorney has retired.
- The OCPB has met with workers from Brown County regarding cases and has teleconferencing on children from out of state.
- Presently reviewing the 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. All Indian children are considered special needs by the counties so payment is much higher for those children. 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 2013 report and there has been no response on a strategic plan.
- 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 ideas are in this matter.

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- Currently all Oneida foster homes are full. We need more Oneida Foster Homes to ensure that placements of our Oneida children follow the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) mandates.
- 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:

