

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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ONCOA Quarterly Report to OBC

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Quarterly Report to OBC is required

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Authorized sponsor (choose one): Melinda J. Danforth, Tribal Vice Chairwoman

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

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ONCOA QUARTERLY REPORT TO OBC

February 2015

Period: October, November, December 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	Carol Elm, Member
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Melinda Danforth, OBC Liaison, and Lisa Summers, Alternate OBC Liaison

Primary Focus Areas for ONCOA

- **Long Term Care Services & Support** -- Personal Care Agency; Aging & Disability Resource-Specialist; Affordable & Accessible Elder Housing
- **Communication** with Tribal Elders, Community and Elder Service staff
- **Training & Education** for ONCOA and staff

ONCOA Meetings October, November, December 2014		
October 14 October 28	November 4 November 25	December 9 December 23

SPECIAL EVENTS/TRAINING/EDUCATION

Elder Village – Cottage Neighborhood

- Affordable and accessible housing for our elders is a priority need in our community. To address this need, ONCOA played a major role in identifying the Elder Village Concept as a neighborhood that would enhance “Quality of Life” principles for elders.
- During the past quarter, a major focus for ONCOA has been Elder Village Planning. This is a project that has been discussed for several years and is finally moving forward again. Infrastructure is complete and construction was slated to begin in July, 2014. Primary funding is through the Oneida Housing Authority.
- ONCOA attends Project Team Status Meetings to stay informed on the progress or delays in the project at various stages of development. Project Team Meetings are held once a month at the Elder Services Conference Room. OBC members are invited to attend any of the meetings.

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- Collaborative efforts will continue with OHA, Oneida Planning, Oneida Elders, and others through the development, design, and construction phases. Ground Breaking for Elder Village was held on July 25, 2014.
- **Further delay** with the Elder Village Project. ONCOA is disappointed that this vital Elder Housing Project is not moving forward as expected.

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

- ONCOA has decided to pursue addressing the need for **Adult Day Services and Garages for the Elder Service Maintenance and Elder Apartments**. 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 has been 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 support moving these projects forward.
- No further information available during this reporting quarter.

Aging and Disability Resource Specialist (ADRS)

- 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 applicants apply for programs and benefits; and serves as the access point for publically funded Long Term Care.
- Elder Services has been working on establishing an Oneida Aging and Disability Specialist Office where information specific to Oneida Services as well as services in the surrounding communities can be provided for dissemination.
- The ADRS Proposal was written by the Sarah Gard, Elder Services Vista worker. She gathered information for the proposal with the assistance from Elder Services, ONCOA, Oneida Health Center, and State representatives. The annual grant request is for \$106,000
- The State will provide funding for the ADR-Specialist Position (2) and Oneida will designate an Oneida Representative to the Brown County and the Outagamie County ADRC Governing Boards.
- The ADRS Grant Proposal was submitted by Elder Services. The grant was approved by the OBC at the February 26, 2014 meeting. In May the grant, to fund the latter six months of 2014 in the amount of \$51,000, was approved by the State. Elder Services has received approval to post the ADRS Position.
- The ADRS was finally filled in October, 2014, and vacated the same month. Elder Services was able to fill the position with an Emergency Temporary Person, Mallory Patton, who is making great progress in her orientation to the program. We wish her much success.

National Indian Council on Aging Biennial Conference

- The Mission of NICOA is to advocate for Improved Comprehensive Health, Social Services and Economic Well-Being of American Indian and Alaska Native elders. An additional purpose is to educate and recommend solutions to policy makers to help improve aging services across Indian Country.

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- This conference is the Native American/Alaskan Natives Elder's Forum and is the place to voice concerns and to receive up-to-date information and resources to help Elders "Age At Home" and in their own communities.
- Three ONCOA members were among the 1550 native elders present. This year there was a strong emphasis on Handicap Programs for Elders.
- **An interesting program that saves money for tribes is to pay for Medicare Part B Benefits for members who use the tribal clinic.** By doing this, the money the Health Center saves in Health Care Costs far outweighs what the tribe pays for the Medicare Part B Benefits. This can be compared to the Senior Care Program where the Oneida Tribe pays the cost for the tribal member to enroll and the Oneida Health Center benefits with lower prescription costs. There are several tribes that pay for Medicare Part B for tribal members. **Plan:** ONCOA would like to have the Oneida Business Committee assign someone to research and present a plan to implement if it is determined this plan would benefit Oneida Elders and Oneida Health Center and save money for the Oneida Tribe.
- It is beneficial for ONCOA to continue to attend NICOA Biennial Conferences as this one of only two national conferences that addresses to issues and concerns specific to Elder Native Americans.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) 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 in order to be eligible for the grant. 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 Health Center will be developing a **Tribal Personal Care Agency** along with needed infrastructure to deliver Long Term Care services to Oneida Tribal Members. Having a Personal Care Agency will allow **Elder Services and Oneida Health Center** to obtain Third Party Billing Payments through Medicaid for In-Home Care and Home Chore Services. Currently, Oneida provides In-Home Care and Home Chore Services that are paid through Tribal Contribution. In the future, Elder Services can plan to increase these services through Medicaid payments.
- A (MFP) Money Follows The Person Training was held on September 19, 2014 and a two-day (MFP) Money Follows The Person Training Meeting with the State was held in Mid-November. ONCOA representatives are part of this training process.

CaptionCall Phone Program

- ONCOA arranged to have a representative present on the CaptionCall Phone Program at the Elder Mealsite. There was a welcome reception from the audience and about twenty people signed up for the program.
- Captioned Telephone Service (CTS) is a federally funded program administered by the FCC as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone with hearing loss is eligible to participate anywhere in the United States at no cost. CaptionCall is similar to captioned television but is available only to people with hearing loss. It uses cutting-edge technology to display written, nearly instant captions.
- CaptionCall empowers you to communicate more confidently with friends, family, and co-workers. The website for CaptionCall is www.CaptionCall.com.

Community Tours

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- Tours of Tsyuhehkwá and NWTC Artisan Center occurred during this quarter. Each tour provided information on what services are available to community people. ONCOA can then inform others of these services. Becoming more informed about community resources is beneficial to overall knowledge base of ONCOA.
- The Artisan Center offers free or low cost programs to Veterans. It is worth checking out their services.

Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA)

- These meetings are held quarterly and membership is comprised of elders from the eleven tribes in Wisconsin. Each tribe takes a turn at sponsoring a meeting on their reservation. Tribal news and current issues in Indian country are discussed at the meetings. Social interaction between the tribes is an important aspect of the association that keeps members participating in the meetings.
- Wesley Martin and Arlie Doxtator serve as the chairman and secretary of GLNAEA.

Webinars

- ONCOA attends webinars that are held monthly in the Elder Services Conference Room. These webinars pertain to services for Elders---Suicide Prevention with Older Adults; Long Term Care Services; Behavioral Health Needs for Older Adults.
- The webinars are sponsored by GWAAR Health Promotion Team.
- Long-Term Care Services and Supports Technical Center.

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. Meetings are held monthly.

Elder Service Staff Meetings

- Elder Service Staff Meetings are held once a month. ONCOA Commissioners attend these meetings. 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.

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. 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:

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| Oneida Nutrition Board | Anna John Nursing Home Board |
| GLNAEA – Elder Abuse Task Force | National Indian Council on Aging |
| Oneida Personnel Commission | Oneida Child Protective Board |
| Oneida Library Board | Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary |
| Oneida Police Commission | |
| Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR), Board of Directors | |
| Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee (elected) | |
| Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA), Board of Directors and Members | |