

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 05 / 13 / 15

2. General Information:

Session: Open Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

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Action - please describe:

Quarterly reports to the OBC are required in the ONCOA bylaws.

3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

Other:

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Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

Budgeted - Grant Funded

Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

Name, Title / Dept.

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6. Cover Memo:

Describe the purpose, background/history, and action requested:

To: Oneida Business Committee
FR: Lois Strong, ONCOA Coordinator
DA: April 30, 2015
RE: ONCOA Quarterly 2 Report to OBC

ONCOA is submitting the Quarterly 2 report to the OBC for approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

- 1) Save a copy of this form for your records.
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ONCOA QUARTERLY 2 REPORT TO OBC

MAY 2015

Period: January, February, March 2015

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
Charlene E. Cornelius, Member (Deceased Feb 10, 2015)
Melinda Danforth, OBC Liaison, and Lisa Summers, Alternate OBC Liaison

Carol Elm, Member
MaryAnn Kruckeberg, Member
Pearl McLester, Member
Dorothy J. Skenandore, Member

Primary Focus Areas for ONCOA

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

| ONCOA Meetings January, February, & March, 2015 | | | |
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| January 7 | January 23 | February 10 | March 10 |
| January 13 | January 27 | February 23 | March 24 |

PROJECTS/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 1st quarter of FY2015 a major focus was on 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. Ground Breaking for Elder Village was held on July 25, 2014.
- Troy Parr gave a quick overview of the project and personnel changes that have occurred in the last few months. B. Rentmeester retired around 12/10/14, and he had been assigned by the OBC to be over OHA in December of 2013. Since then, Dale Wheelock came back to OHA as Manager on 12/1/14. Troy Parr was assigned to oversee the construction for OHA on 12/10/14. Mike Showers resigned his position in the Engineering Department of the Oneida Tribe, and Sam VandenHeuvel has been assigned this project. Sam has been in meetings with Dale Wheelock regarding this project and the project status.

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- Collaborative efforts will continue with OHA, Oneida Planning, Oneida Elders, and others through the development, design, and construction phases. ONCOA and Project Team Status Meetings are held monthly to stay informed on the progress or delays at various stages of development. Project Team Meetings are held at the Elder Services Conference Room. OBC members are invited to attend any of the meetings.
- Designs of Cottage A and Cottage B was presented to ONCOA on 3/24/15 and were approved. Following design approval, the construction documents will be drawn up. In a month following the final design approval, the construction can start.

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

- ONCOA has identified the need for **Adult Day Services and Garages for the Elder Service Maintenance and for 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 was deleted from the CIP list but it was reinstated on the FY2015 CIP. All three projects are related to the development of the Lee McLester II Complex. ONCOA will be working with Elder Services to support moving these projects forward.
- **Update:** We will continue to gather information on Adult Day Services. The Elder Service Maintenance garage is still needed. This facility was removed from the original plans for the Anna John Resident Centered Community complex with plans to build with any funds remaining in the project funds. ONCOA has not received a closing amount of the project.

Aging and Disability Resource Specialist (ADRS)

- An Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRS) is a one-stop shop for accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. The ADRS 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 State will provide funding for the ADR-Specialist Position (2) in the amount of \$106,000. 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.
- The ONCOA Board and Elder Services Director attended the Brown County ADRC open house. The facility is inviting with a variety of programs made available to visitors and

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clients. The mealsite is in this new facility and serviced by a caterer. The hearing loop technology is included in the building.

Long Term Care Group

- A Long Term Care (LTC) group consisting of representatives from Oneida Health Center, Governmental Services, and ONCOA has been formed to develop a strategic LTC-Services and Supports plan for Oneida. Out of this large a core team has been formed.
- Lately the core team (Health Center, GSD, Elder Services, ONCOA, Law) have been meeting to deal with the **Tribal Only Waiver**. The Tribally operated Medicaid (low income) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is an option for Wisconsin American Indian Tribes to provide long term supports for adults with long-term care needs in Wisconsin. This waiver is important because it aligns administration with the unique authorities of Tribal Governments, and assures that services will meet the unique needs of tribal members when meeting their long term care needs.
- During the past months the waiver plan was changed to Tribally Operated Waiver. It is expected that solutions will be developed to narrow the health care gap in critical risk areas experienced disproportionately among American Indians. Oneida supported re-submitting the proposal with changes to CMS.
- The Tribal Only Waiver will allow for 100% reimbursement at the federal level directly to tribes. The State will then not have to pay a percentage of the eligible service

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 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.
- The project Oneida has selected to develop is 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 could potentially increase these services utilizing the third party reimbursement received by the Tribe.
- Up Date: The Tribal Personal Care Agency application will be submitted to the State on June 1, 2015. Information from the latest Long Term Care Core Team meeting is that the projected date will be met. This is excellent news as ONCOA supported having a personal care agency to help defray Tribal Contribution costs to the Elder Service budget. The reimbursement will come from those services provided to clients who meet low income eligibility (Medicaid).

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.

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Webinars/Training

- ONCOA attends webinars that are held monthly in the Elder Services Conference Room. These webinars pertain to services for Elders. The webinars are sponsored by GWAAR Health Promotion Team and Long-Term Care Services and Supports Technical Center.
- Efforts are made to seek local training offered by Oneida and in Wisconsin, in order to keep training expenses to a minimum. ONCOA plans on attending one national conference that specifically covers Indian Elder issues on the national level. All training relates directly to accomplishing our goals and objectives.

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

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| 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 | National Indian Child Welfare Association |
| 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 & Members | |

