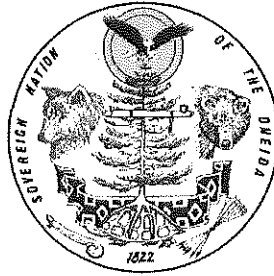


# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE  
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

## BC Resolution 05-11-11-A

### Establish Tuberculosis Control Program

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; 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 Business Committee previously adopted Resolutions BC-4-16-84-A (Community Health Center-Control of Tuberculosis on Reservation), BC-9-28-84-C (Tribal Employees Required to take Tuberculosis Test), and BC-10-03-01-C (Resolution Adopting Amendments to the TB Screening Policy and Procedure) in order to subject all Tribal employees, trainees, elected and appointed officials, and volunteers to tuberculosis (TB) infection control activities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Occupational Health Nursing Department, now known as the Employee Health Nursing Department (EHN Department), was charged with the responsibility of screening all said persons annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the EHN Department's programs, policies and procedures relating to TB infection control activities incorporate evidence-based national guidelines and expert consensus such as recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Thoracic Society, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, and recommendations from the Oneida Community Health Division; and
- WHEREAS,** evidence-based national guidelines and expert consensus are subject to change, which results in the need to periodically revise the EHN Department's programs, policies and procedures relating to TB infection control activities in order for the EHN Department to reflect current "best practices" for its healthcare providers and patients; and
- WHEREAS,** according to research provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, TB infection rates are on the decline, making the Tribe's current practice of annual testing for TB infection unnecessary; and
- WHEREAS,** TB infection control activities must still be in place, but must also be adaptable to allow prompt updating of policies and procedures to reflect the current "best practices."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Resolutions BC-4-16-84-A (Community Health Center-Control of Tuberculosis on Reservation), BC-9-28-84-C (Tribal Employees Required to take Tuberculosis Test), and BC-10-03-01-C (Resolution Adopting Amendments to the TB Screening Policy and Procedure) pertaining to TB screening of Tribal employees are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Employee Health Nursing Department shall establish, maintain, implement, evaluate and periodically update a *Tuberculosis Control Program*, which shall apply to all Tribal employees, trainees, volunteers and elected and appointed officials.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the *Tuberculosis Control Program* shall be created with the approval of, and in collaboration with, the Oneida Community Health Division's Medical Director and the Oneida Public Health Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the *Tuberculosis Control Program* shall reflect the current "best practices" for its healthcare providers and patients and shall, at a minimum, contain provisions concerning the following:

- (1) Which Tribal employees, trainees, volunteers and elected and appointed officials are:
  - a. required to undergo baseline tuberculosis screening and/or testing, including any ongoing serial screening and/or testing.
  - b. responsible for providing the Employee Health Nursing Department with documentation pertaining to treatment for latent tuberculosis infection or tuberculosis disease, and/or results of a chest radiography.
  - c. responsible for obtaining additional medical evaluation and treatment, and covering the financial impacts of any such evaluation and treatment, based on the direction of the Employee Health Nursing Department.
- (2) Any reporting requirements that apply to the Employee Health Nursing Department when they have discovered suspected cases of latent tuberculosis infection or active tuberculosis disease.
- (3) Action to be taken in the case of an emergency health situation concerning an outbreak of tuberculosis.
- (4) Consequences for failure of any individual to comply with the requirements of the *Tuberculosis Control Program*.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that upon completion and approval of the *Tuberculosis Control Program*, and whenever it is updated, the Employee Health Nursing Department shall notify all Tribal employees, trainees, volunteers and elected and appointed officials of the completion or approval and make a copy of the *Tuberculosis Control Program* available to them.

#### 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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against; and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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