

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

Deadlines

Instructions

1. Meeting Date Requested: 08 / 13 / 14

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 below:

Agenda Header (choose one): Report

Agenda item title (see instructions):

OCPB Quarterly Report to OBC

Action requested (choose one)

☐ Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Approval of required quarterly report to OBC

3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

A quarterly report to OBC is required of OCPB.

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): Ed Delgado, Tribal Chairman

Requestor (if different from above):

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed): Lois Strong, Chairwoman OCPB

Name, Title / Dept.

Additional signature (as needed):

Name, Title / Dept.

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report
For Oneida Business Committee
June 30, 2014
Period: April, May, June 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
Greg Matson, OBC Liaison

Andy Pyatskowitz, 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. June 16 through the 18th, 2014 Board members attended School Resource Officer Training, which expanded our knowledge of the resources available to protect children while attending school. The training showed and demonstrated the different ways that School Resource Officers can be a positive resource for not only the school, but for the Child and their family.

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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 teleconferenced 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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- According to information from an ICW employee, 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. These foster homes must reflect the unique values of Oneida Indian culture.
- The OCPB actively heard, discussed and recommended the best solution for cases that came before us.

