

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

1. Meeting Date Requested: 4 / 8 / 15

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): Dale Powless-Chair, Oneida Child Protective Board
Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed): _____
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- 2) Email this form and all supporting materials to: BC_Agenda_Requests@oneidanation.org

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report
For Oneida Business Committee
April 8, 2015
Period: January, February, March 2015
Second Quart report due March 31, 2015

ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD

Dale Powless, Chairwoman
Lois Strong, Vice Chairwoman
Jeanette Ninham, Secretary
Beverly Anderson, Member

Wesley Martin, Member
Carol Silva, Member
Beverly Skenandore, 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 departments, 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

The OCPB did not attend any training during these months due to cost containments.

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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 Business Committee 3/26/2015 regarding new Policy Statement resolution for changes on the BIA guidelines and BC recommendation.
- The OCPB has met with a Parent on concerns about the return of her children and the lack of contact with her doing the removal of her children by the ICW worker.
- 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 2014 report and to date there has been no response on a strategic plan. Due to budget constraints this will be a costly increase on the Tribal Budget.
- 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

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addressing this need by consulting with Indian Child Welfare staff and county social workers to learn where their ideas are in this matter.

- Currently all Oneida foster homes are full per the foster care coordinator worker. 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:

