

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 01 / 26 / 17

2. General Information:

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

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

Quarterly reports to OBC is required of ONCOA.

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/Submitter:

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MISSION: ONCOA ADVOCATES FOR ALL SERVICES THAT PLACE PRIORITY ON THE WELL-BEING OF OUR ELDERS

ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING

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(Position available July, 2017 Election)	

Melinda Danforth, OBC Liaison; and Lisa Summers, Alternate OBC Liaison.

Primary Focus Areas for ONCOA

- **Long Term Care Services & Support** – Alzheimer’s & Other Dementia Diseases; Affordable & Accessible Elder Housing; Adult Day Services; Personal Care Agency
- **Communication** -- Tribal Elders, Elder Service Staff and Community
- **Training & Education** -- ONCOA and staff

ONCOA Meetings October, November, December 2016		
October 13 October 25	November 8 November 22	December 13 December 27

FINANCIALS

According to the financial report for period ending November 30, 2016, ONCOA is on schedule for meeting our budget projections.

MINUTES

All approved minutes are submitted to the office of the Tribal Secretary monthly.

PROJECTS/TRAINING/EDUCATION

- **Treasurer’s Budget Planning – FY2017, FY2018, and FY2019.** Monthly meetings are held to gain understanding of guiding strategies: Vision, Mission, Core Values, Four Strategic Directions, Seven Practical Visions and Value Based Budgeting.
- **American Indian & Alaska Native 2016 Long-Term Services and Supports Conference.** The conference focus was on Home and Community Based Services which provides support and services in the tribal community so tribal members can remain in their homes and communities for as long as health and safety factors permit.
- Long-term care services and supports are as varied as the number of tribes in the United States. You develop and grow services that your tribe needs by researching and assessing the needs of your tribe.

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- **Oneida Dementia Care Specialist, Debra Miller**, addressed the topic of dementia friendly communities at a plenary session. Oneida is one of three Wisconsin Tribes to receive a two year “Dementia Care Specialist” grant for two years in the amount of \$80,000 annually.
- **“Where are we in Indian country regarding Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias”** was a central theme of presentation by **Carey Gleason, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health, and Wesley Martin, Oneida Elder**. Both participants mentioned the need for more statistical information on Native Americans in clinical trials. ONCOA and the UW-Madison Research center are working together to establish a satellite center in the Green Bay area where all Native Americans would have better access to registering for clinical trials to begin to determine the prevalence of Alzheimer’s in Native Americans.
- **Elder Tree**. The Elder Tree project is an effort to spread technology that will help older adults remain independent, living in their home as long as possible. Participants will be provided an IPAD and WIFI access along with training to use the IPAD and WIFI service. This project was developed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Ten adult champions from the Oneida Community have been selected to be trained on Elder Tree to help build a base of users in the community.
- Elder Services and ONCOA are collaborating with University of Wisconsin - Madison to develop a Baldwin Grant which will provide access to Computer/Internet Technology and the Elder Tree Website for 25 elders who are Members of the Oneida Nation in order to improve communication; access to tribal information; establish a group of community Elder Tree Coaches; and spread the Oneida Elder Tree experience to the other 10 tribes in Wisconsin.
- **Status:** The Baldwin Grant request was submitted in December, 2016, and grant recipients will be notified in February 2017.
- **Elder Village – Redesign of Phase II of ten Cottages**. 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. The cottages are unique with materials, varied layout, and are in a park-like setting with ample green space surrounding the homes. There is a trail connection to other Oneida areas like Site I, Turtle School, AJRCCC, Elder Services, Oneida Health Center, and eventually Site II. The Elder Village Homes meet the minimum ADA standards.
- A project team has been formed to redesign Phase II of the next ten cottages. Representatives include the following areas: ONCOA, Oneida Housing Authority, Senior Architect, Planning and Solar Energy,
- The plan is to start over with the redesign instead of modifying the existing plan and to take into account the best Quality Of Life needs for the elder. There will be some minor adjustments for the future cottages as well as considering smaller units to keep cost down. Solar panels for future homes were discussed. The bedrooms and garages need ADA clearance. We need to have a discussion about the total costs of the cottages. It’s not just about the design. For example, the bidding package could be broken down so we get more potential contractors working at the same time.

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- **Status:** The request for proposals notice for the architectural design was advertised. In January, the project team evaluated the proposals and submitted the results for final tabulation.
- **Adult Day Care Services.** ONCOA has identified the need for Adult Day Care Services and garages for the Tribal Elder Apartments. The Adult Day Care Service was deleted from the original ORCCC project and slated for a future development CIP. These 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.
- ONCOA will start researching adult day care programs.
- **Status Adult Day Care Services:** ONCOA and Elder Services continue to work with Leanne Doxtator, Planning Office, to prepare a concept paper and CIP plan.
- **Tribal Elder Apartment Garages.** In **February 2005**, Elder Services started the plans for a capital improvement project request for garages for tenants occupying the Elder Service apartments. Project justification continues to be for health and safety issues. Because the existing building is located on top of a hill, it can be extremely windy with harsh weather conditions. Elders are especially susceptible to health problems caused by these conditions and it can be very difficult for elders to get to and from their vehicles in inclement weather.
- **Status Apartment Garages:** The GSD Division Director has approved and signed off on the CIP package and the project now needs approval at the OBC level. Currently there is approximately \$48,000 available to continue planning for this project.
- **Alzheimer's Awareness and Research Initiative.** In **December 2014**, ONCOA connected with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center after meeting representatives at the Annual Wisconsin Alzheimer's conference. The UW-Madison's Alzheimer Disease Research Center is one of the Nation's leading research centers providing scientific research, resources, and expertise in Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses. ONCOA supports Oneida tribal members to expand their awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to participate in the national effort to end Alzheimer's.
- In **May 2015**, Dr. Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, Dr. Carey Gleason, Fabu Carter, and Carol Hutchinson from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) met with Oneida Elders and others at the mealsite to provide Alzheimer's Disease Information.
- ONCOA held a meeting with Dr. Dorothy Edwards and Dr. Carey Gleason to discuss the potential collaboration between Oneida and UW-Madison's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Potential areas of collaboration are: Training Dementia Care Specialist; Community Education; Promoting Timely Recognition of Memory Disorders; Connecting to Oneida Health Center and Anna John RCCC. The Green Bay area has a large Native population and would be ideal for a satellite center for a UW-Madison Alzheimer's Resource Center.
- **Alzheimer's Clinical Trials--** ONCOA continues to work on encouraging tribal members to become participants in Alzheimer's Clinic Trials. There is very little information on Native Americans that would indicate how prevalent the disease is in Indian Country. We can fight this disease by becoming research volunteers who provide

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critical data needed to move science forward. Several Oneida volunteers have already signed up and are encouraging others to participate.

- **Status:** The UW-Madison Research Team submitted a grant for developing Oneida or Green Bay as an Alzheimer's Research Satellite Center for Native Americans. We will be notified in February, 2017 when the grant recipients are notified.
- **Long Term Care Group.** A Long Term Care (LTC) group consisting of representatives from Oneida Health Center, Governmental Services, Elder Services, and ONCOA has been formed to develop a strategic LTC-Services and Supports Plan for Oneida. Out of this larger group a Core Team has been formed.
- Lately, the Core Team (Health Center, GSD, Elder Services, ONCOA, Law) have been meeting to work on 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.
- 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. We have not received any notification that the Tribal Only Waiver has been approved.
- **Status:** The **Tribal Long Term Care Study Group**, consisting of State and Tribal representatives, continues to work with CMS to get the Tribal Waiver approved. These are monthly meetings.
- **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.
- 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.
- ONCOA supports 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) and are eligible for the COP program. The COP program will expire in December, 2017, and those services will then come through managed care.
- **Status:** A Long Term Care Core group meeting was held in January, 2017. David Larson, OCHC Ancillary Services Director, is the main person in charge of this grant for Oneida. He mentioned he has received no information to move forward.
- **Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA).** GLNAEA 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.

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- Social interaction between the tribes is an important aspect of the association that keeps members participating in the meetings. These meetings are held quarterly with various host tribes. Each tribe handles their own notifications of dates and locations.
- **Webinars and Training.** ONCOA attends webinars that are held in the Elder Services Conference Room. These webinars pertain to services for Elders.
- Efforts are made to seek local training offered in Oneida and in Wisconsin to keep training expenses to a minimum.
- Webinars: Fighting Amphetamine & Pharmaceutical Abuse in Indian Country; AI/AN Health Marketplace Scenarios; Adaptive products for people with Vision Loss.
- The Active Shooter Training was mandatory and held within the Tribal system. ONCOA and staff attended.
- **Wisconsin Tribal Aging Directors Association .** ONCOA members participate in these monthly meetings. All eleven tribes belong to this association and meet to discuss Aging Issues in Indian Country and to formulate ways to best meet the needs of our Native Elders. This is a very informative meeting.
- This is a collaborative relationship that ONCOA has maintained with Elders Services and the other tribes since the inception of the organization.
- **Elder Service Staff Meetings.** Elder Service Staff Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Updated monthly calendar of events, speakers, and staff information comprise the agenda. There is at least one ONCOA Representative in attendance to provide a status of ONCOA Activities.
- **Title V – Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).** SCSEP is Elder Job Training funded through a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Labor.
- ONCOA has employed Title V staff for the past 8 years and we have always had great success working with the Title V program. Since our budget is limited we seek out resources to assist us in meeting our administrative needs.
- **Status:** We have one applicant who is going through the approval process with the Title V program through National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA).
- **Other Activities/Projects.** Elder Gardens – Landscaping project as memorial garden for elders
- **ONCOA Bylaws** – In the process of revising ONCOA Bylaws.

Meeting Requirements

ONCOA meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Elder Services, Conference Room. 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. Dates and times of meetings are published in the DRUMS.

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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, life experiences, education, and community/state/national involvement to work toward a common goal of advocating for services that place emphasis on our elders. The following list demonstrates the extent of current community/state/national involvement for the ONCOA commissioners and staff:

- Oneida Nutrition Board
- Oneida Child Protective Board
- Oneida Police Commission
- National Indian Child Welfare Association
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary
- National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA)
- Anna John Resident Centered Care Community Board
- Great Lakes Native American Elders Association, members