



Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY 2019 2nd Quarter Report (January – March 2019)

PURPOSE

The Quality of Life Committee is a standing committee of the Oneida Business Committee that has oversight responsibility of the following areas of the Tribe: Language and Culture, Health, Human Services and Public Safety. This oversight responsibility also extends to any board, committee, or commission related to these specific areas.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilman Brandon Stevens, Quality of Life Committee Chair
Councilman Ernest Stevens III, Quality of Life Committee Vice Chair
Councilman Daniel Guzman-King, Quality of Life Committee Member
Councilman Kirby Metoxen, Quality of Life Committee Member
Councilman Tehassi Hill, Quality of Life Committee Member

Other partners include: Wellness Council, Oneida Police Department, Division Directors, other senior leaders and their staff.

MEETINGS

Quality of Life Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month starting at 8:30 a.m. Meetings in the 1st quarter were held in January and March.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin (BBBS of NEW)

Last quarter, the Quality of Life Committee (QOL) met with representatives from BBBS of NEW and the GSD Director on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which forms a partnership between the BBBS of NEW and the Oneida Nation. The purpose of the MOU is “to mutually support access to Oneida Nation resources and share demographic information regarding those Oneida members participating in the BBBS of NEW program.”

The Business Committee approved the MOU on February 27, 2019 and the Government Services Division will be the Oneida department working with BBBS of NEW.

The MOU includes:

- BBBS of NEW Responsibilities:

- Provide a BBBS contact person for the Oneida Nation which will be the GSD Director.
- Maintain ongoing communication with Oneida Nation program staff.
- Oversee operational activities including screening, matching, support and supervision and closure procedures.
- Coordinate recruitment activities within the Oneida Nation community.
- Communicate to BBBS participants the activities, events and resources available to them within the Oneida Community (schedule of events).
- Provide a semi-annual report on the following demographic information:
 - # of Oneida children participating in the program (matched vs waiting list).
 - Age and gender of participating Oneida children (matched vs waiting list).
 - School of participating Oneida children.
 - # of Oneida volunteers (“Biggs”) participating in the program.
- Oneida Nation Responsibilities:
 - Provide an Oneida Nation contact person for BBBS.
 - Assist BBBS in the coordination of volunteer recruitment opportunities within the Oneida community.
 - Communicate monthly to BBBS those Oneida community activities, events and resources available to BBBS participants (schedule of events).
 - Help coordinate culturally relevant education sessions for BBBS staff or participants at locations to be determined.
 - Maintain ongoing communication with BBBS.
 - Cooperate fully with BBBS staff and volunteers.

2. 7G Youth Sports Initiative

Last quarter, the QOL Committee met with a representative of the 7G Youth Initiative. This initiative is focused on ways to help more Native American athletes get into college and to help them be more successful.

This quarter, two focus groups were held to gather input from coaches and parents of Native American students who were involved in sports. Feedback was received from 8 coaches and 5 parents of school athletes and athletes involved through clubs and other organizations.

One of the next steps will be to hold a focus group with a cross section of student athletes. Once all of the input is received, deliverables will be determined and a plan with timelines and deliverables will be presented to the QOL Committee for consideration.

3. Mental Health Checkups

Last quarter, the QOL deferred the request for Mental Health Checkups to the Wellness Council. In March, the Wellness Council reported to the QOL meeting their work on a Wellness Summit. The QOL Chair will send the directors a letter indicating support for participation in the Wellness Summit.

4. Environmental Issues

The QOL received an update on environmental issues in March. The next step will be for a small sub-team to put together a plan on what specifically should be worked on by a larger work team.

5. Tribal Action Plan (TAP)

The Tribal Action Plan (TAP) has been transitioned to the Government Services Division. The Wellness Court and Curfew Law have been added to the LOC's Active Files List.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to accept the Quality of Life Committee FY2019 2nd Quarter Report.