



Quality of Life Committee

**Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 18th, 2021
Teleconference**

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. February 18, 2021 Quality of Life Meeting Minutes – Aliskwet Ellis

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. REPORTS

A. Oneida Native American Drug and Gang Initiative – Eric Boulanger

B. Tribal Action Plan – Renita Hernandez

C. Zero Suicide Report – Mari Kriescher

D. Food Security Report – Pat Pelky

E. Rights of Nature Report – Pat Pelky

VII. ADDITIONS

VIII. ADJOURN



Quality of Life Committee

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Minutes

Present: QOL Chair Marie Summers, QOL Members: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens,
Others Present: Eric Boulanger, Jacque Boyle, Leslie Duxtater, Aliskwet Ellis, Renita Hernandez,
Shannon Hill, Tina Jorgensen, RC Metoxen, Michelle Meyers, Joann Ninham, Melissa Nuthals, Patrick
Pelky, James Petitjean, Ravinder Vir, Danelle Wilson;

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by QOL Chair Marie Summers at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve the agenda, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:
Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. January 14, 2021 Quality of Life Meeting Minutes – Aliskwet Ellis

Motion by Tehassi Hill to approve the January 14, 2021 Quality of Life meeting minutes, seconded by
Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:
Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Enter E-Poll Results into the record regarding FY-2021 Q1 Quality of Life Committee report – Aliskwet Ellis

Motion by Tehassi Hill to enter E-Poll results into the record regarding FY-2021 Q1 Quality of Life
Committee report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:
Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

VI. REPORTS

A. Cultural Heritage – Tina Jorgensen

Motion by Tehassi Hill to approve the Cultural Heritage report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

B. Recreation Integration – Tina Jorgensen

Motion by Tehassi Hill to approve the Recreation Integration report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

C. Tribal Action Plan – Renita Hernandez

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve the Tribal Action Plan report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

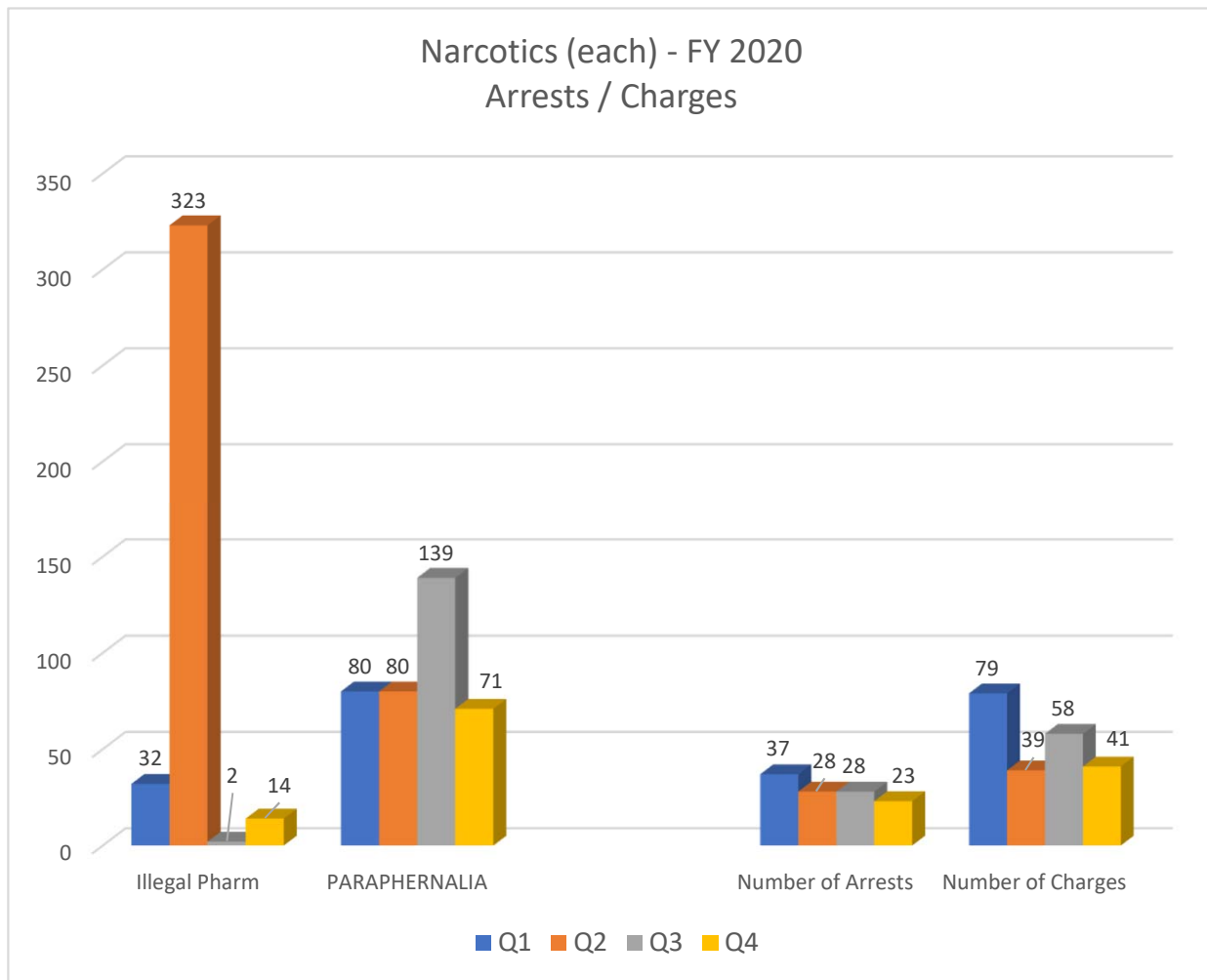
Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens

VII. ADDITIONS – NONE

VIII. ADJOURN

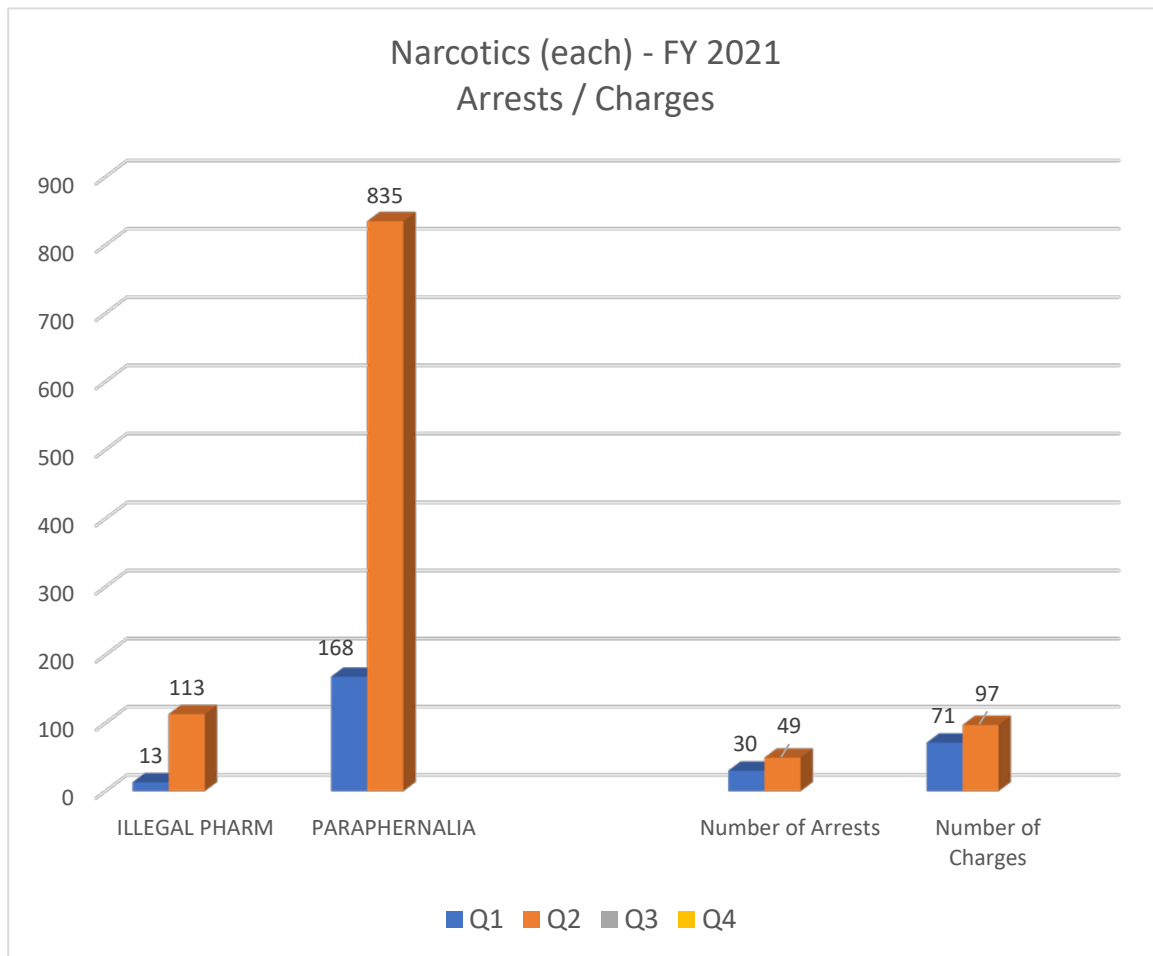
Motion by Brandon Stevens to adjourn at 10:13 a.m., seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens



Drug / Number of Overdose Incidents / Outcome

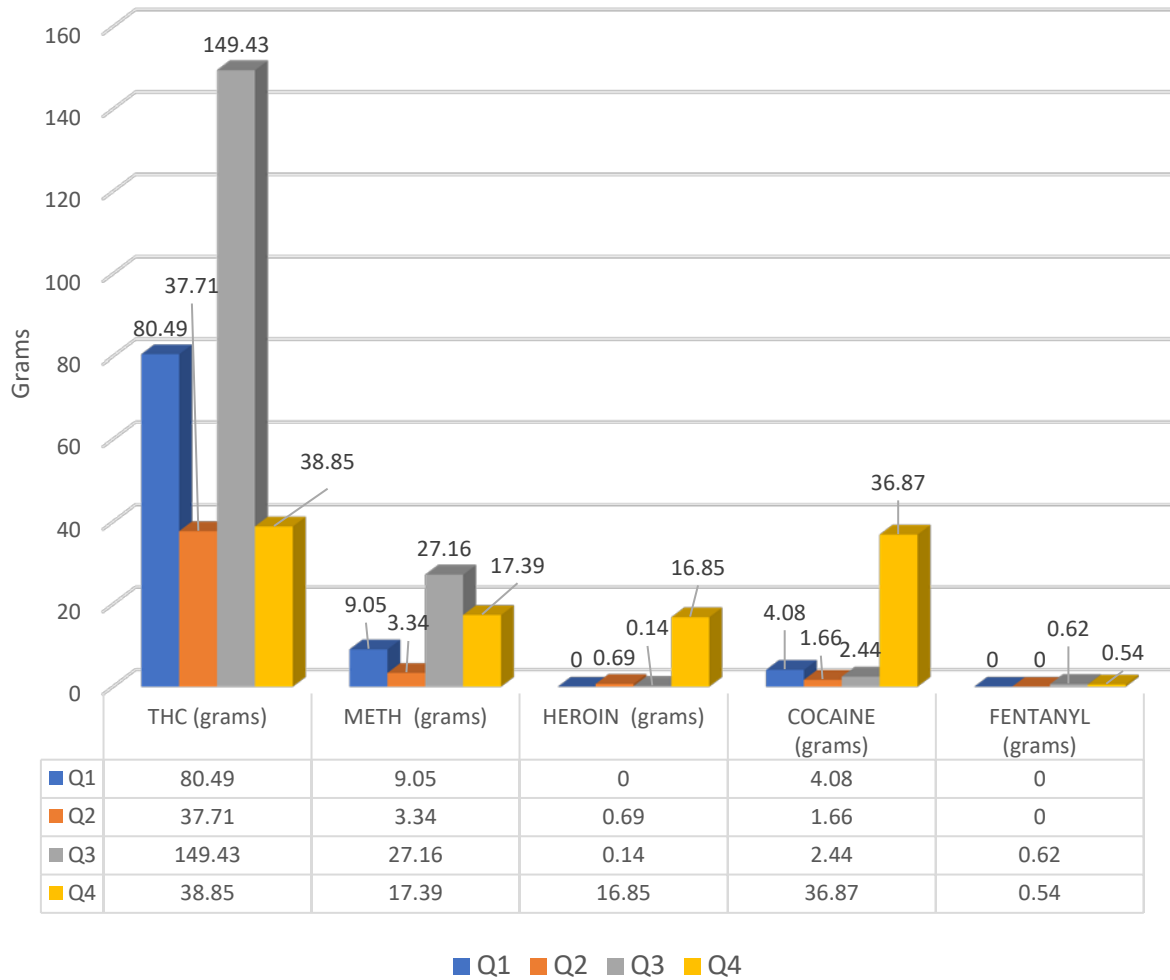
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Heroin	3	0	2	3
deceased	0	0	0	0
survived	3	0	2	3
Illegal Pharm	0	2	0	2
deceased	0	1	0	0
survived	0	1	0	2
Unknown	0	1	1	1
deceased	0	0	0	0
survived	0	1	1	1
Narcan Doses	5	0	3	0
Syringes Found	0	0	63	8

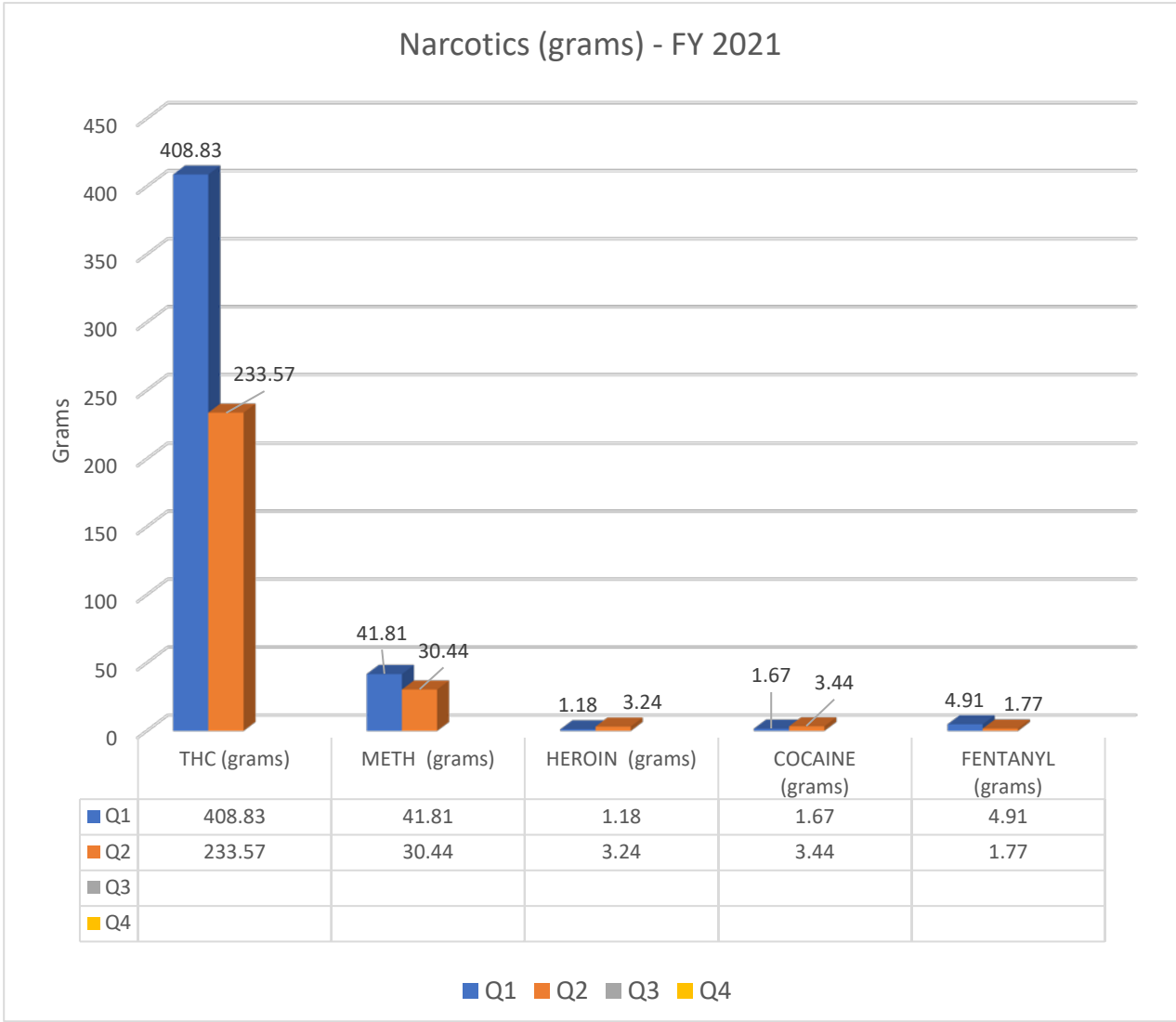


Drug / Number of Overdose Incidents / Outcome

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Heroin	0	1		
deceased	0	0		
survived	0	1		
Meth	1	0		
deceased	0	0		
survived	1	0		
Illegal Pharm	0	0		
deceased	0	0		
survived	0	0		
Unknown	2	0		
deceased	0	0		
survived	2	0		
Narcan Doses	3	1		
Syringes Found	92	35		

Narcotics (grams) - FY 2020





TA Tribal Action Plan

The Tribal Action Plan (TAP) is part of a collaboration of efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General to address alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment in Native American Communities.



TRIBAL ACTION PLAN REPORT

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
March 18, 2021	Tribal Action Plan	Renita Hernandez, TAP Manager

STATUS SUMMARY

TAP has been working with the Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC) since December of 2020. These meetings are held every 2 weeks and we have been working on updating the goals of the TAP. At the last meeting which was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, the objectives of each goal were worked on and updated except for two. A poll was sent out on TEAMS to have TCC members decide what to do with Objective A under goal 2. There were only 4 responses to this poll. We will be bringing this back to the TCC at the next meeting to discuss where to put this objective as members felt it doesn't fit under Goal 2. Since the last meeting, there was a suggestion from the SAMSHA Technical Team that the TAP staff has been working with to re-word "Stronger" of Goal 1; Objective C. We will be bringing forth discussion on the DARE program which is under Goal 3; Objective A. The wording needs to be updated. We will be discussing these at the next TCC meeting. The next TCC meeting will be on March 23, 2021.

TAP will be setting up subcommittee meetings for working on the objective of the TAP. Currently, the TAP staff has met with three of the subcommittee teams to begin planning a framework to work on the objectives. These teams are:

- Goal 1; Objective A: Raise the awareness of the drug and alcohol epidemic in our community – Leslie has been meeting with Big Bear Media
- Goal 3; Objective C.1: Update the Rights of Passage Programming
- Goal 4: Create and implement a comprehensive Justice System that includes a Wellness Court and rehabilitative corrections system

TAP has been working on the issue about Sharps being found throughout the community. Currently, we are working with OBH to see if we could contract with Vivent Health on a needle exchange program. Update: TAP is working with OBH for a proposed location.

TAP will be moving from the Economic Support area at the Social Services Building. Potential spots are currently being looked at and will provide an update once the area is chosen. – TAP is working with OBH for a location. Cottage 2 was looked at and is currently being worked out for a move.

The TAP specialist has been working on recording community members "recovery" stories. This will be an ongoing project and the first 2 recordings are in the editing stages. These videos will be posted on social media as well as the TAP website. Update: The dates to put the first recording out has been set back. The proposed date to publish the first video is March 26, 2021.

TAP has found a grant and is working with Joann Ninham who is the YES manager to see if this grant could be utilized for Goal 3 of the TAP which is geared toward the youth. We are checking with Cheryl Stevens in grants to make sure this is something we can apply for. The deadline is April 1, 2021. UPDATE: We are unable to apply for this grant per requirements.

TAP would like to start a community forum on Facebook regarding alcohol and substance abuse in the Oneida community. The Facebook post went out on January 6, 2021 to see if any community members would be interested. The purpose is to gain community insight and to educate community members of the current efforts. Update: There is currently 5 community members who have reached out to be on the forum. TAP would like to have at least a few more be apart of the forum before this begins. – No update.

TAP staff is planning another Community Smudge walk for Sunday, March 28 for the communities of Three Sisters, Path of the Bear/Wolf, and Sandhill Circle. We are currently in the planning stages. OBH has donated sage for the event. Once we have our safety plan put in place, we will advertise the event.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK/GOAL	% DONE	TARGET END DATE	LEAD	STATUS UPDATE
Tribal Coordinating Committee-update TAP goals and objectives	95%	March 23, 2021	Renita Hernandez/Leslie Doxtater	Bringing some issues regarding objectives to the next TCC meeting
Create Sub committees for TCC	50%	March 31, 2021	Renita Hernandez/Leslie Doxtater	This will be worked on once the TAP goals and objectives are updated
Subcommittee meetings (Initial)	10%	June 30, 2021	Renita Hernandez/Leslie Doxtater	TAP will be setting up these subcommittee meetings to start working on the objectives
Sharps issue/Sober Gathering Place	50%	April 30, 2021	Renita Hernandez/Leslie Doxtater	Waiting for OBH for space update – Space is currently be looked at
Community Forum	25%	April 30, 2021	Leslie Doxtater	Waiting for enough community members who are interested
Community Smudge Walk	25%	March 28, 2021	Renita Hernandez/Leslie Doxtater	Planning stage

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE
<i>If applicable</i>		

NEXT STEPS

- TCC meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021 – sub committees to report on their status update for objectives
- TAP staff will continue to plan the initial subcommittee meetings to work on objectives
- TAP will work with OBH for a space regarding the sober gathering place/Sharps issue
- TAP will initiate a community forum on Facebook once there are enough community members interested
- TAP will continue to look for grants to apply for

Zero Suicide

A framework for systematic, clinical suicide prevention in behavioral health and health care systems.

Oneida Comprehensive Health Division

Vision- We Provide the highest quality, holistic health care to ensure the future wellness of our Oneida Community.

Values-Responsive Leadership, Continuous Improvement, Culturally Sensitive, Communication, Respect and Safety.

Behavioral Health Mission

Our Mission is to empower individuals and families within the Oneida community to restore harmony in mind, body and spirit through culturally-inspired interventions for the next 7 generations.

HANDOUT ITEM VI. C.



ZERO SUICIDE REPORT

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
3/18/21	Zero Suicide Initiative/Safe Care Pathway	Mari Kriescher

STATUS SUMMARY

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) / Suicide Screening

- Many of the OBH clinical sessions are now conducted virtually via MS Teams. All patients at OBH are screened for suicidal ideation at each meeting using the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS).

Question Persuade Refer (QPR)

- QPR OCHC – trainings on hold
- QPR & HRD Training Coordination – on hold
- Suicide and High-Risk Assessment Training - Completed on February 2021. All OCHC Nurses and Providers received training on the C-SSRS and high-risk suicide assessment training. Training was conducted via MS Teams.

Safe Care Pathway (SCP)

SCP Start date:

- On January 18, 2021 SCP Care Managers began meeting with clients.
- SCP Care Managers, Clinical Supervisor, and care team meet weekly to staff SCP clients and address any SCP process issues.

SCP Trainings:

- SCP Training for Mental Health Team and Social Workers – Completed on January 6, 2021. The OBH mental health staff and social workers were trained on what their responsibilities and workflows will be in the SCP.
- SCP Training for Triage- Completed on January 7, 2021. The Triage Counselors were trained on what their responsibilities and workflows will be in the SCP.

- SCP Training for Psychiatric Nursing – Completed on January 8 & January 19. Psychiatric Nurses were trained on what their responsibilities and workflows will be in the SCP. **HANDOUT ITEM VI. C.**
- SCP Training for ATODA and Cooccurring Therapy Team - Completed on January 14, 2021. Providers were trained on what their responsibilities and workflows will be in the SCP.
- SCP Training for PAR Staff – Completed on March 5, 2021. PAR staff were trained on what their responsibilities and workflows will be in the SCP.

There were a few follow up meetings scheduled to continue to discuss the process questions and improve work flows: Pars and Security, Triage, ATODA and Co-occurring Providers
Especially focusing on how Safe Care Pathway interfaces and works with all of the areas.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK/GOAL	% DONE	TARGET END DATE	LEAD	STATUS UPDATE
Finalizing SCP documentation in EHR	95%	3/31/21	Mari Kriescher Kathleen Drennan Rebecca Krueger	Working with Athnea health consultant on finalizing the documents.
Finalizing the SOP for procedures and processes for entering, participating in and exiting the Safe Care Pathway.	95%	3/31/21	Mari Kriescher Kate Sayers	In route for signature
Finalizing the use of the central work list and it's use with SCP	70%	6/1/21	Mari Kriescher Kate Sayers	Kick off meeting 12/9/20
Develop Workflow with integration with Primary Care providers	50%	6/1/21	Mari Kriescher Christine Garstka Dr. Vir Other primary care team	Training for Primary Care Team on 2/12/21. Now we are creating a workgroup to develop workflow on assessing and referring for Safe Care Pathway.
Community Education on Suicide Prevention	40%	7/1/21	Mari Kriescher Christine Garstka	We have the material just coming up with a plan on deployment.

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE
<i>Delays due to COVID 19 Precautions</i>		

NEXT STEPS

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) / Trainings / Development

- Develop workflow with integration of BH into primary care with assessing and making referrals to BH Safe Care Pathway.
- Implementing and training on using the Central Worklist program to coordinate and track the care of patients on the SCP.

HANDOUT ITEM VI. C.

Food Security

Purpose Statement: Food Security's benefits can be seen in indigenous communities through community-based programs that look to incorporate traditional and culturally relevant practices and strengthen community ties and identity.



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A good mind. A good heart. A strong fire.

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
March 18, 2021	Food Sovereignty Priority	Pat Pelky

STATUS SUMMARY

The latest working Draft of the Food Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty Policy Resolution is attached. This resolution will be the foundation of establishing as a priority and direction for those who provide services in this area.

The Quality of Life (QOL) Committee made the motion to forward the Support of Food Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty Policy Resolution to the Law Office for formatting and corrections of grammatical errors. This was completed.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK/GOAL	% DONE	TARGET END DATE	LEAD	STATUS UPDATE
Daft Resolution	100%	December 2020	Food Sovereignty Teams	Completed
Submit to QOL Team for Feedback	100%	January 2021	Pat Pelky	Completed
Forward the Resolution to the Law Office for formatting and corrections of grammatical errors.	100%	March 2021	Pat Pelky	<p>Law Office, Jo Ann House, made changes and reformatted the Resolution</p> <p>Legislative Reference Office, Kristen Hooker, completed a statement of effect. The adoption of this resolution would not conflict with any of the Nation's laws; provided, the intent is not to invoke any rulemaking and so long as the Initiative is budgeted aligned with the Nation's Budget Management and Control Law.</p>

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

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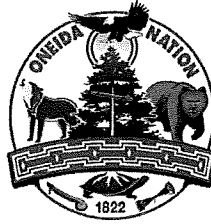
NEXT STEPS

- Get final approval from the QOL Committee and to forward to Business Committee for approval.
- The Food Sovereignty Team is in the process of finalizing a Food Sovereignty Strategic Plan Draft.
- Once the Plan is finalized, the Team will submit the Draft plan to the Oneida Community Integrated Food System (OCIFS) team for Feedback. Then we will submit to QOL Committee for support.
- Once this all is completed, we will present the following for BC approval:
 - Food Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty Policy Resolution
 - Proclamation of the Right of Nature Resolution
 - Food Sovereignty Strategic Plan.

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BC Resolution # Leave this line blank Support of Food Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty Policy

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; 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 Nation community, like other indigenous communities across the globe, has suffered a history of loss due to colonization and forced assimilation in the form of land loss, culture loss, identity loss, and indigenous diet loss; and
- WHEREAS,** due to these historical traumas that continue to be intergenerationally inherited today, our indigenous populations see a disproportionately higher rate of physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual negative health impacts, including but not limited to: obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, suicide, substance abuse, alcoholism, domestic violence, sexual abuse, discrimination, dehumanization, oppression and racism; and
- WHEREAS,** indigenous peoples continue to suffer negative health consequences as they attempt to navigate themselves in a society in which health equity continues to be a systematic problem that focuses on western society disease management and prescription medication and fails to acknowledge indigenous knowledge, which leads to the continuation of these negative health consequences. Today we acknowledge a balanced approach of western medicine and indigenous medicine which include medicinal plants, medicine societies, indigenous diet, and holistic health; and
- WHEREAS,** our original instructions, our worldview as On'nyote? aka, connects us to the land, all of creation and ties us to the Kanehelatúhsa and the spirituality of farming, hunting, gathering, growing, harvesting, fishing, and agriculture that sustained us with our spiritual medicines, herbal medicines and foods that nourished our bodies, minds, emotions and spirits; and
- WHEREAS,** it is for these reasons, these original instructions have been embraced by our Tsyunhehkwá Agricultural operation, Oneida Nation Cannery, and OCIFS program since their inception, in which these operations have worked to transfer such knowledge of the value of sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty to our community and have championed such efforts for decades, being innovative leaders across Indian country; and

WHEREAS, since the control of indigenous food systems have been taken over by industrialized society, sovereign control of indigenous food systems is no longer promoted by western society; and

WHEREAS, according to the Declaration of Nyéléni made at the Forum on Food Sovereignty in Sélingué, Mali, “food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems”; and

WHEREAS, taking control over our own food systems and embracing Tsi niyukwaliho tʼá to build a culturally significant and sustainable sovereign local food system can prove to reconnect us with our land, culture, identity and spiritual wellness as Ukwehuwe, and indigenous diets; and

WHEREAS, by mending these historical losses, a sustainable food sovereignty initiative will serve to empower our people and community and work to combat these negative physical, mental, social, and spiritual health disparities, serving as a comprehensive strength-based approach to overall wellness in our community as well as a preventative intervention for our future generations by working to heal our minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions; and

WHEREAS, by empowering our community members in taking control of our local food system, we can strengthen our local economy while simultaneously addressing the systematic health inequities that exist in indigenous populations through the recognition that our food is our medicine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Nation Business Committee does hereby support our food sovereignty initiative which contains the following elements:

- Taking control over our own food systems and embracing Tsi niyukwaliho tʼá to build a culturally significant and sustainable sovereign local food system can prove to reconnect us with our land, culture, identity and spiritual wellness as Ukwehuwe, and indigenous diets;
- Mending these historical losses by creating a sustainable food sovereignty initiative will serve to empower our people and community and work to combat these negative physical, mental, social, and spiritual health disparities, serving as a comprehensive strength-based approach to overall wellness in our community as well as a preventative intervention for our future generations by working to heal our minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions; and
- By empowering our community members in taking control of our local food system, we can strengthen our local economy while simultaneously addressing the systematic health inequities that exist in indigenous populations through the recognition that our food is our medicine

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee directs the Quality of Life Committee to create an Oneida Nation sponsored food sovereignty policy that includes and responds to the needs, commitment to Tsi niyukwaliho tʼá, and creativity of our community members and established programs that provide and produce access to healthy foods for our people, thereby strengthening food sovereignty for us today and for future generations for presentation to the Oneida Business Committee for adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee continues to support the leadership Tsyunhehkwá, the Oneida Nation Cannery, and OCIFS has already shown in our food sovereignty efforts, and to make our food systems components accountable to each other and to the Nation, and strengthen this network.

95 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the intent of this resolution is to support the Oneida Nation, Oneida
96 members and the Reservation community in the continued modeling how sustainable food sovereignty
97 can be used to address and strengthen overall health and wellness within tribal nations.
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99 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee directs the organization under the General
100 Manager of the Nation to prioritize, budget, and implement this initiative as identified in this resolution and
101 further identified in a formally adopted food sovereignty policy directed to be developed by this resolution.



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Statement of Effect

Resolution: Support of Food Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty Policy

Summary

Through this resolution, the Oneida Business Committee (“OBC”) expresses its support for the Nation, its Members, and the community in the continued modeling of how sustainable food sovereignty can be used to address and strengthen overall health and wellness within tribal nations. This resolution also directs the Quality of Life Committee to create, as well as present to the OBC for adoption, an Oneida sponsored food sovereignty policy that responds to the needs, commitment to Tsi niyukwaliho tǎ, and creativity of the community. And, further directs that the Nation, under its General Manager, prioritize, budget, and implement this food sovereignty initiative as identified in the resolution, as well as the policy established in accordance therewith.

Submitted by: Kristen M. Hooker, Staff Attorney, Legislative Reference Office

Date: March 1, 2021

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Office

The Oneida community, like other indigenous communities, has suffered a history of loss due to colonization and forced assimilation. Due to these historical traumas, indigenous populations see a disproportionately higher rate of physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual negative health impacts. Indigenous people are still suffering negative health consequences as they attempt to navigate themselves in a society where health equity continues to be a systematic problem that focuses on western society disease management, as well as prescription medication, and fails to recognize indigenous knowledge.

Today, the Nation recognizes a balanced approach of western medicine and indigenous medicine, including medicinal plants, medicine societies, indigenous diets, and holistic health. This approach incorporates the Nation’s original instructions – its worldview as Onǎyote? – which the Nation’s Tsyunhehkwǎ Agricultural operation, Oneida Nation Cannery, and OCIFS program (“Areas”) have been embracing since their inception by working for decades to transfer knowledge of the value of sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty to the community, making them innovative leaders across Indian country.

Through this resolution, the OBC expresses its support for the leadership these Areas have already shown with respect to the Nation’s food sovereignty efforts, and for the continued modeling of how sustainable food sovereignty can be used to address and strengthen overall health and wellness within tribal nations, by embracing a food sovereignty initiative (“Initiative”) that is based on the following concepts:

- That, taking control over its own food system and embracing Tsi niyukwaliho tǎ to build a culturally significant and sustainable sovereign local food system can prove to reconnect

the Nation with its land, culture, identity/spiritual wellness as Ukwehuwe, and indigenous diets;

- That, mending historical losses by creating a sustainable food sovereignty initiative, will serve to empower the Nation and work to combat the negative physical, mental, social and spiritual health disparities, serving as a comprehensive strength-based approach to overall wellness in the community, as well as a preventative intervention for the Nation's future generations by working to heal the minds, bodies, spirits and emotions of its community; and
- That, by empowering its Members to take control of their local food system, the Nation can strengthen its local economy while simultaneously addressing the systematic health inequities that exist in indigenous populations through the recognition that their food is their medicine.

Through this resolution, the OBC further directs:

- That, the Quality of Life Committee creates, as well as presents to OBC for adoption, an Oneida Nation sponsored food sovereignty policy ("Policy") that: (1) includes/responds to the needs, commitment to Tsi niyukwaliho tA, and creativity of the community; and (2) establishes programs to provide healthy foods, accessible to the community, which will strengthen food sovereignty today and for future generations; and
- That, the Nation, under the direction of its General Manager, prioritizes, budgets, and implements this Initiative as set forth in the resolution, as well as the Policy established in accordance therewith.

The Administrative Rulemaking law ("Law") was adopted by the OBC through resolution BC-02-24-16-C to provide a process for the adoption and amendment of administrative rules. [1 O.C. 106.1-1]. Administrative rules are defined within the Law as "a set of requirements enacted by *an authorized agency* in order to implement, interpret and/or enforce a law of the Nation...." [1 O.C. 106.3-1(h) (*emphasis added*)]. And, an authorized agency is defined as "any board, committee, commission, department, program or officer of the Nation that has been granted *rulemaking authority*." [1 O.C. 106.3-1(a) (*emphasis added*)]. Rulemaking authority means "the delegation of authority to authorized agencies found in the Nation's laws, other than this [L]aw, which allows authorized agencies to implement, interpret and/or enforce a law of the Nation." [1 O.C. 106.3-1].

It is not entirely clear what the term Policy means within the portion of the resolution that directs the Quality of Life Committee to create, as well as present to the OBC for adoption, an Oneida Nation sponsored food sovereignty policy. If the intent was for the Quality of Life Committee to promulgate administrative rules as defined above, this resolution would conflict with the Law because the Quality of Life Committee has not been delegated rulemaking authority by any law of the Nation to allow for it to enact rules in accordance therewith.

The Nation's Budget Management and Control law ("Budget Management Law"), adopted per resolution BC-02-08-17-C, sets forth the requirements to be followed by the OBC and Oneida fund units when preparing the budget to be presented to the GTC for approval. [1 O.C. 121.1-1]. The Budget Management Law provides a budgeting process that is focused on value-based budgeting where budget increases and cuts are allocated based on a priority list approved by the OBC. Based on the information provided, it appears that any budgeting for the implementation of the Initiative

would have to be carried out in accordance with the Nation's Budget Management and Control law.

Conclusion

Adoption of this resolution would not conflict with any of the Nation's laws; provided, the intent is not to invoke any rulemaking and so long as the Initiative is budgeted for in accordance with the Nation's Budget Management and Control law.

Environmental Issues

EHSLA Division protect and improve natural and built environments to enhance quality of life for the Oneida Community. We do this through responsible, professional actions which reflect Oneida's culture, traditions and core values. We balance community, family and work.



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES REPORT

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
March 18, 2021	Rights of Nature Proclamation	Pat Pelky

STATUS SUMMARY

To work with a cross-Divisional Team to Draft Rights of Nature Proclamation to eventually to be passed by the Business Committee. We have done a few drafts based on our discussions with the QOL team. Please see Latest Draft attached.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK/GOAL	% DONE	TARGET END DATE	LEAD	STATUS UPDATE
Draft Rights of Nature Proclamation for QOL approval	90%	January 2021	Pat Pelky	Submitting latest version for QOL team for review and Comment
Once Complete, our team will create a mission statement for implement the proclamation into the Organization.	0%	February/March 2021	Pat Pelky	Once QOL approves Rights of Nature Proclamation we will complete Mission Statement
Motion by Tehassi Hill to forward the Rights of Nature Proclamation to the Law Office for formatting and corrections of grammatical errors seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried unanimously: Ayes: Tehassi Hill, Kirby Metoxen	100%	March 2021	Pat Pelky	<p>Law Office, Jo Ann House, made changes and reformatted the Proclamation</p> <p>Legislative Reference Office, Clorissa N. Santiago, stated that it would not need a statement of effect because it generally supports the Rights of Nature efforts.</p>

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE
None		

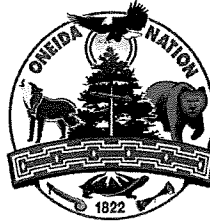
NEXT STEPS

- *Finalize Draft Rights of Nature Proclamation. - Completed*
- *QOL Team Approves Draft in January – Pending Law Office reformatting and LRO assess for statement of Impact which are completed*
- *Develop Mission Statement*
- *Implement Rights of Nature Proclamation after BC approves.*

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BC Resolution # Leave this line blank Proclamation of the Rights of Nature

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- 3 **WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe
- 4 recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
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- 6 **WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
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- 8 **WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1,
- 9 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
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- 11 **WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee makes this proclamation of the "Rights of Nature"
- 12 because it is our responsibility to defend and speak for those things that cannot speak for
- 13 themselves. Everything starts with our Creation Story. In it, our relationship and
- 14 responsibilities are handed down from the Creator instructing us to be good stewards of
- 15 creation. When we do, it is said the Creator provides everything we need within a
- 16 specific balance; and
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- 18 **WHEREAS,** The Great Law and Thanksgiving Address are our guiding principles that give us
- 19 instructions as we come together with one mind and to give thanks to the natural world.
- 20 We must honor, respect, protect, nurture and caretake the very thing that sustain us. As
- 21 Nature upholds its responsibilities, we must reciprocate our relationship back to her. As a
- 22 way of life in the importance of our culture and original instructions, we teach our families
- 23 through Respect, Reciprocity, Relationship and Responsibility with the natural world; and
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- 25 **WHEREAS,** our original instruction tells us we are born with the responsibilities and must
- 26 acknowledge and take actions by only harvesting in sustainable ways by only taking what
- 27 we need and giving thanks for allowing us to gather while replenishing this delicate
- 28 balance of nature; and
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- 30 **WHEREAS,** Oneida's prophecies tell we must fulfill our responsibilities of the "rights of Nature" or we
- 31 will not exist in the future. Chief Dan George is quoted: "If you talk to the animals, they
- 32 will talk with you and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them, you will not
- 33 know them, and what you do not know you will fear. What one fears, one destroys"; and
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- 35 **WHEREAS,** our past Environmental Policy of 1993 states the preservation and enhancement of our
- 36 Mother Earth is an obligation of the members of the "Oneida Tribe of Indians of
- 37 Wisconsin". We give thanks for her wellbeing and all other forms which come from our
- 38 Mother Earth. We the Oneida people cannot turn our backs on this responsibility of
- 39 caretakers, the Oneida Nation has, from the beginning of time, co-existed with all living
- 40 beings. The winged, the four-legged, all plant life, the trees, the stones, the water and the
- 41 air. It is now time for the Oneida People to be held accountable to our children, their
- 42 children, and for generations to come by creating a sustainable environment; and
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44 **WHEREAS,** our Live Sustain Grow Plan of 2008 establishes a framework for land use and protection
45 programs. It addresses the importance of preservation, protection, and wisely manages
46 the resources of the Reservation. We identified the need for improvement in resource
47 management policies and procedures. We continue to solicit community input on
48 resource management decisions. This plan provides for acknowledging cultural needs of
49 current and future tribal members; and
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51 **WHEREAS,** we will use the best available technology, employ best management practices and
52 modern scientific methods to achieve this mission. The methods and principles used will
53 be documented so they are defensible, easy to replicate and recognizable by the
54 scientific community while acknowledging the brilliance of our ancestors; and
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56 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Nation, its leaders, its people and government
57 will use our sovereign freedoms to create and adopt legislative and judicial protection of the rights of
58 nature utilizing good policies, science and culture.
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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we will work with other Tribes, State and Federal Governments, the
61 United Nations and other Organization that has undertaken the Rights of Nature.
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63 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Business enthusiastically endorses this "Rights of Nature"
64 Proclamation and commits our government and its resources to engage in programs and activities to
65 carry out each of our responsibilities to honor, respect, protect, nurture and caretake the very thing that
66 sustain us.