



Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY 2021 2nd Quarter Report (January – March 2021)

PURPOSE

The Quality of Life Committee is standing committee of the Oneida Business Committee that will have oversight of health, wellness, and social issues of the following areas of the Nation: Language, Culture, Health, Environmental Issues, Housing and Food Security and Sovereignty.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilwoman Marie Summers, Quality of Life Committee Chair
Councilman Daniel Guzman-King, Quality of Life Committee Vice Chair
Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Quality of Life Committee Member
Chairman Tehassi Hill, Quality of Life Committee Member

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

MEETINGS

Quality of Life Committee meetings were held on the third Thursday of every month starting at 9:00 a.m. Meetings in the 2nd quarter were held in January, February, and March.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

1. Environmental Issues

The Rights of Proclamation draft had a final revision and review from the Quality of Life Committee. Environmental has received and approval from the Committee to work with the Law Office on a final proclamation to be forwarded onto the Business Committee for approval. Draft was put into resolution form by the Law Office and LOC stated this resolution would not need statement of affect.

Next steps: Environmental team will create a mission statement once Rights of Nature Proclamation is approved.

2. Food Security

A draft resolution had been drafted for Food Sovereignty for support and policy. The Quality of Life Committee reviewed and approved the resolution to be forwarded onto the Law Office for final revisions. The Law Office made final revisions and LOC provided a statement of affect.

Next step: To gain final input and approval and forward onto Business Committee for approval. The Food Sovereignty Team is finalizing strategic plan to present to Quality of Life for review and approval.

3. Tribal Action Plan (TAP)

TAP has been working with the Tribal Coordination Committee this quarter holding meetings every two weeks, goals and objectives have been updated. Partnerships with Oneida Behavioral Health and the Oneida Police Department have been established to work on projects regarding establishing a Rapid Response Team and the implementation of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application System, sharps found in the community, and working on new location for TAP. TAP is continuously working on applying for grants, planning community smudges, and community outreach.

4. Recreation Integration

GSD Director Tina Jorgensen reports quarterly to Quality of Life on recreation integration. It was reported that Tina is working on job descriptions for the Director and Supervisors. Call back date target is April 2021. Projects include working on developing a curriculum, providing virtual activities, and planning for the reopening of recreation depending on the Public Health Emergency.

5. Detox Center Request

Community Member Shannon Hill has put in a request for a Detox Facility to be implemented for the Oneida Nation. In January, the Quality of Life Committee requested for Comprehensive Health to review and to provide a recommendation for April's meeting.

6. Zero Suicide

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. Question Persuade Refer (QPR) training for OCHC and HRD on hold. Safe Care Pathway began in January and is continuously progressing with finalizing SOPs.

Next Steps: Safe Care Pathway to develop workflow with integration of Behavioral Health into primary care with assessing and making referrals to Behavioral Health Safe Care Pathway. Implementing and training on using the Central Worklist program to coordinate and track the care of patients on the Safe Care Pathway.

7. Cultural Heritage

GSD Director Tina Jorgensen and Bob Brown presented on the Cultural Heritage which is a bi-monthly report to Quality of Life. The department is working on creating and implementing a strategic plan for the structure of Cultural Heritage. SOP's are being developed as well as revising job descriptions.

8. Wellness Council

Due to a position transition and the attention of this area directed to COVID-19, the Wellness Council has been put on hold. The council is working to be back in Quarter 3 dependent upon COVID-19.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to accept the Quality of Life Committee FY2021 2nd Quarter Report.