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# Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY 2021 3rd Quarter Report (April – June)

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were held in January, February, and March.

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## *ACTIVITIES SUMMARY*

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### **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: Submit the draft strategic plan to the Oneida Community Integrated Food System (OCIFS) team for feedback. Once this is completed, the plan can be presented to the Oneida Business Committee for approval.

## **2. Food Security**

The Food Sovereignty Team is working on finalizing the Food Sovereignty strategic plan to submit to the Oneida Business Committee for approval.

Next steps: Submit draft strategic plan to the Oneida Community Integrated Food System (OCIFS) team for feedback.

## **3. Tribal Action Plan (TAP)**

TAP has been working on the issue about Sharps being found throughout the community. They are working with OBH and Vivent Health on an MOU for a needle exchange program. TAP, Oneida Comprehensive Housing, and the Oneida Police Department held a community clean up for Cornelius Cir on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and held a presentation regarding “what to do if you find a syringe/needle”. The TAP Specialist is recording community members “recovery” stories 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. Specialist positions have been posted and the curriculum is ready to begin providing the curriculum virtually. Working with DPW to plan for a safe 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. The final report hasn’t been finalized, Comprehensive Health is gathering the feasibility information which includes the financials, licensing requirements, and completing the Tribal Opioid Response Needs Assessment.

## **6. Zero Suicide**

Question Persuade Refer (QPR) training for OCHC and HRD is on hold. Safe Care Pathway (SCP) began in January. There are 26 patients enrolled in the SCP. The team has been having follow up meetings to continue to discuss the process and improve work flows.

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 Oneida Cultural Heritage re-organization has been completed, it now includes: Cultural Wellness, Cultural Advisor, THPO, Museum, Library and the Arts Program.

## **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.

## **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Motion to accept the Quality of Life Committee FY2021 3rd Quarter Report.