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## Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

### FY-2022 2nd Quarter Report (January - March)

#### **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 are 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.

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### *ACTIVITIES SUMMARY*

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#### **1. Environmental Issues**

New reporting will be on the Non-Point Clean Water Initiative. Next steps still have to be determined. They will be reviewing the Oneida Reservation Water Quality Improvement Goals. The long-term goals included Trout Creek Cooper to Cooper, Duck Creek Ridge to Ridge and reduce phosphorus run-off.

#### **2. Food Sovereignty**

This was previously the Food Security project, that project has been completed and they are now establishing the Food Sovereignty project. The tasks/goals of this project: 1. is to create a food system that is adaptable, resilient, and responsive to community needs, 2. recognize our food systems as being an integral part of comprehensive health and wellness in our community 3. strengthen and expand the community food system network, increasing production, and 4. making it more efficient, and serving as a model for other tribal nations in their food sovereignty efforts.

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

TAP staff will continue to meet with subcommittees to start working on the objectives for each goal for the TAP.

They are working with Oneida Behavioral Health on a contract with the Green Bay Comprehensive Treatment Center so they can do Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) presentations.

TAP is collaborating with the Oneida Chapter of the Wisconsin Indigenous Riders with planning a MMIW and Opioid awareness ride in June.

TAP is continuously working on applying for grants, planning community events for youth and adults, and other outreach. They are also working on a communication plan and updating their website. In addition, they are working on banners with OPD for the community sites.

### **4. Recreation Integration**

The staff continue working with Cultural Heritage to implement traditional activities and teachings into the curriculum. In addition, they are learning the pronunciation and meanings of the Core Values which will replace the six (6) Pillars of character development.

They held interviews for the last four (4) Rec Specialists in February. If able to fill all the positions they may be able to open County H.

Next steps include: 1. Develop Summer Program curriculum. 2. Work with Cultural Heritage to incorporate Oneida Culture into all programming and activities. 3. Open County H.

### **5. Zero Suicide**

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) / Suicide Screening - Many of the Oneida Behavioral Health (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).

The Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) is fully embedded at Oneida Comprehensive Health Center.

As of January 6, 2022, the BHC provided services to 59 patients at OCHC. Patients received referrals to traditional mental health therapy as needed.

Next steps include: 1. Refine workflow with integration of OBH into primary care with assessing and making referrals to OBH Safe Care Pathway. 2. Hire and train additional SCP therapist(s) to be able to work with more clients who need services. At this time, they cannot take internal referrals due to high demands from Intakes and post hospitalization. Will probably need two (2) more, then assess numbers being served. 3. Schedule and complete additional training using Central Worklist for SCP involved providers. Supervisors and involved Team members can assign tasks/share information among staff and other departments who also work with SCP clients. Triage training in central worklist and access will be important next step to complete.

## **6. Cultural Heritage**

Oneida Cultural Heritage is in the process of implementing a new structure and organization which includes three (3) Clan Managers and replacing the Cultural Wellness area with Traditional Healing.

A Traditional Healer was hired and started in February. They will be working on the Apprentice job description and requirements for standard operating procedures.

Next steps include: 1. Post the Clan Manager positions. 2. Create Apprentice positions and post. (One (1) for Traditional Healer and two (2) for Cultural Advisor) 3. Reorganize the departments and positions that will report to a specific Clan Manager.

## **7. 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:**

Accept the Quality of Life Committee FY-2022 2nd quarter report.