



Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY-2022 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 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.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

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

The Food Sovereignty goals

1. To create a food system that is adaptable, resilient, and responsive to community needs.

Update: made a site visit, the team met to draft strategic goals.

2. Recognize our food systems as being an integral part of comprehensive health and wellness in our community. Update: Hired a project manager and outreach coordinator, working on a 2nd quarter newsletter to come out in July.

3. Strengthen and expand the community food system network, increasing production, and

making it more efficient. Update: the Cannery CIP package was approved by the Land Commission. Site visit complete for the meat processing feasibility study and working with vendor in accordance with timeline. Staff from Food and Ag and community members completed online courses for a credentialed beef butchering course to increase technical expertise.

4. Serving as a model for other tribal nations in their food sovereignty efforts. Update: Drafting proposed practices for Ag leasing rule

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, they are currently waiting on final signatures before sending it other Green Bay Comprehensive Treatment Center.

PSA – TAP requested to do a video with BC members, they are currently editing the video and planned to show it at the Farmers Market on June 30, 2022. In addition, they are working with Communications on video regarding overdoses.

The continue to work on community events geared to youth and adults such as smudge walks and community clean up. They will have a information booth at the Farmers market and are planning to be at various one-stops once a month to hand out Narcan and how to administer.

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.

Next steps include: 1. Planning for a MAT presentation and updating the contract between the Green Bay Comprehensive Treatment Center and Oneida Behavioral Health, 2. Continue to have monthly youth and adult activities or events.

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.

There are still two (2) more positions to hire before they are able to open County H.

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

5. Zero Suicide

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) currently has 26 active clients. Since the program started in January of 2021, SCP has served 122 clients who had moderate to severe risk for suicide. 52 clients out of the 94 who have exited the program, have met all exit criteria. They have had zero suicides and zero suicide attempts for those clients who are active in the program. When they look at success rates, it needs to be studied further as people are leaving the program voluntarily when they feel better. The Team is looking at how this statistic can be more accurately measured.

The Zero Suicide Team/QPR trainers will be providing monthly QPR trainings for all OCHD employees throughout the 2022 calendar year. In addition, they will be providing QPR training to the College of Menominee Nation staff, which was scheduled for May 18, 2022.

Integration with Primary Care - As of March 30, 2022, the BHC provided services to 103 patients at OCHC.

Challenges: It continues to be the case that the biggest challenge is staffing the program. There would be a much greater number of referrals if the program could serve more clients. When better staffed, they can add internal referrals which would increase the number of clients who can benefit. Another challenge is getting better and more meaningful statistics for monitoring client progress.

Next steps include: 1. Continue to refine the workflow with integration of BH into primary care with assessing and making referrals to BH 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 cannot take internal referrals due to high demands from Intakes and post hospitalization. Will probably need 2 more, then assess numbers being served.

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.

The Wolf Clan Manager position has been filled. The Bear and Turtle Clan Manager positions are posted.

Cultural Advisor Apprentice positions have been posted and prescreens were scheduled in June.

Next steps include: 1. Hire the Bear and Turtle Clan Manager positions. 2. Hire all Apprentice positions. (One (1) for Traditional Healer and two (2) for Cultural Advisor) 3. Training to implement Clan System in Cultural Heritage.

7. Wellness Council

The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division has identified a couple team members interested to facilitate/coordinate the Wellness Council initiative and will bring back an update when they start meeting again.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Accept the Quality of Life Committee FY-2022 3rd quarter report.