



Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY-2022 4th Quarter Report (July - September)

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 4th quarter were held in July and August. The meeting in September was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

The Quality of Life Committee offered an in-person option for the months of June, July, and August, however, there was no in person participation. All participation in the meetings (staff and community members) occurred virtually.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

1. Environmental Issues

New reporting will be on the Non-Point Clean Water Initiative. The Committee was provided with a presentation from NEW Water. 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

No update in this quarter

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. The contract was not approved by the Finance Committee so they decided not to move forward with the contract at this time, instead they will focus on educating the community on what MAT services is.

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. In July and August, they distributed Narcan kits and showed how to administer them at various Oneida One Stop locations.

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. Focusing on educating the community of MAT services. 2. Holding community cleans ups, 3. 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.

Oneida Recreation continues to struggle with staffing levels and hiring. Staff were preparing to open County H for after school programming after school started.

Next steps include: 1. Open County H.

5. Zero Suicide

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) currently has 19 active clients. Since the program started in January of 2021, SCP has served 139 clients who had moderate to severe risk for suicide. 102 clients out of the 139 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 training team completed three (3) QPR trainings during the period of April 2022 to June 2022. A total of fifty (50) OCHD staff received the training. They were scheduled to provide QPR training to the College of Menominee Nation staff in May 2022 but the college cancelled the training.

Integration with Primary Care - As of June 30, 2022, the BHC provided services to 170 patients at OCHC. Patients are being provided short-term targeted services and receiving referrals to

specialized mental health therapy and other services as needed.

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.

All the Clan Managers have been filled.

Cultural Advisor Apprentice interviews were completed, one has been filled and the other was in the offer stage. They were meeting in August to discuss training for implementation of a Clan System.

Next steps include: 1. Hold a visioning session with the Clan Managers. 2. Have all employees complete an Oneida Cultural Self-assessment and develop a learning plan. 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. The Quality of Life Committee took action to distribute a letter or memo to the organization supporting the Wellness Council and a new strategic plan.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Accept the Quality of Life Committee FY-2022 4th quarter report.