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## Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

### FY-2023 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 Cornelius, Quality of Life Committee Chair (resigned from the Business Committee effective June 2, 2023)  
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 3rd quarter were held in April and May; the June meeting was cancelled.

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### *ACTIVITIES SUMMARY*

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

TAP continue to hold community events geared to youth and adults such as Maple Ceremony education and Park Olympics. They continue to provide Narcan training and distribute Narcan kits at various Oneida One Stop locations.

TAP is working on a Culture is Prevention initiative in collaboration with Cultural Heritage and Comprehensive Housing where they are providing an overview of ceremonies in English to encourage more community members to participate in the Longhouse. The program was regarding the Maple Ceremony.

TAP's upcoming Tetwatatehsnye' Conference is scheduled on March 29th at the Radisson. Tetwatatehsnye' means "we all take care of each other." Keynote speakers include Tatanka Means and Lenny Hayes

Next steps: 1. TCC meeting scheduled for May2, 2023. 2. Continue to collaborate with other departments to promote prevention and harm reduction programming. 3. Collecting data on drug endangered children. 4. Fill TAP Specialist position. 5. Collaboration on Two Spirit Events in June.

## **2. Recreation Integration**

Staff worked with Tsyosha'aht Delgado for cultural education development. Staff have implemented cultural and traditional games, education, and converted 6 Pillars of character development to our Core Values. They use the Core Values with all education and programming.

Next steps include: 1. They would like to find a different way of dealing with youth that are disruptive or violating policy vs. membership suspension or revocation. Funds were identified through CCDF for this position, so they are working on a job description, then they will follow the request to post.

## **3. Zero Suicide**

Safe Care Pathway (SCP) currently has 49 active clients. Since the program started in January of 2021, SCP has served 173 clients who had moderate to severe risk for suicide. 134 clients out of 173 have exited the program, having 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.

Integration with Primary Care - As of April 14, 2023, the BHC provided services to 293 unique 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. We have a Co-Occurring Therapist to work full time SCP therapist and a Mental Health therapist to be able to work with more clients who need services.

#### **4. Cultural Heritage**

Traditional Healer and Museum Registrar were hired. The 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 all staff workshops were postponed and rescheduled to June 5-7,2023, with Mike Myers.

Next steps include: 1. Have all employees complete an Oneida Cultural Self-assessment and develop a learning plan. 2. Training to implement Clan System in Cultural Heritage.

#### **5. Behavioral Health**

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) and Co-occurring specific has 131 new patients and 414 active patients during this reporting period. 106 of those patients accessed Same Day Substance Abuse Care Services. There are 575 active patients in Mental Health Services, and we are currently scheduling out 20 weeks for Initial Intake Appointments. There are currently 1,375 patients in medication management services. There were 35 patients admitted for detox in FY23 Q2. There were 379 Narcan kits given out, and we are currently putting 4 doses in each kit due to high risk of fentanyl. There were 3 deaths in FY23 Q2 that were drug and alcohol related. Currently there are a total of 44 deaths and 14 pending, according to Oneida Enrollments not all the data is reported yet as toxically reports run up to 4 to 8 months after passing and there are currently 14 pending death certificates. Currently there are 54 patients enrolled in the Integrated Recovery Support Services. There are 67 patients in active recovery coaching.

Next steps include: 1. Complete feasibility study. 2. Work with DTS to create a BH data dashboard.

#### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Accept the Quality of Life Committee FY-2023 3rd quarter report.