

COMMUNITY MEETING

Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility



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Mari Kriescher and Mark W. Powless present information regarding a Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility as participants enjoy a health free meal of corn soup and berry mush from the Oneida Cannery.

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Mari Kriescher, Oneida Behavioral Health Director and Mark W. Powless, Oneida Nation General Manager, invited the community to come together at the Norbert Hill Center Thursday, February 8, 2024 to discuss a proposal to expand substance use disorder services in Oneida.

Roughly 30 community members joined the discussion regarding a new Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility (TRDTF), which is anticipated to include eight to ten beds, with a potential to expand to 14-16 beds.

As of January 25, 2024, the Oneida Finance Committee approved \$180,500 for a feasibility study, conducted by two companies, Wipfli, LLP and DSGW Architects. Wipfli will research the financial aspects of the project, while DSGW Architects will

present the land and building requirements for the project.

Kriescher did emphasize that pending the results of the feasibility study, the amount of rooms, how much Internal Health Service (IHS), or other identified funds, will be needed to fund the project, or potential operational costs, such as personnel and organizational support, is purely speculative.

Two noteworthy questions coming from participants from the community were:

Will this be for Oneida members only? The answer was yes.

On average, how many community members are requesting this service by Oneida and how much does it cost Oneida to outsource these patients? The answer was 8-10 per month, with a roughly average overall cost of \$1,000,000 dollars per year.



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