

# FY-2024 1st (Oct - Dec) Quarter Report

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ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING

Approved by official entity action on: January 30, 2024

Submitted by: Winnifred Thomas, Chair

OBC Liaison: Jennifer Webster, Primary

OBC Liaison: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Alternate

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of ONCOA is to adhere to the Oneida Nation's Vision, Mission, Core Values and to be knowledgeable and supportive of all programs and services that place priority on the well-being of our Oneida Elders. ONCOA must exist based on State statutory requirement for the Oneida Nation to receive funds for Aging and Disability Services.

## **AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Section 46.82(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Oneida Business Committee established ONCOA as the advisory and policy development board for the Nation's Tribal Aging Unit, known as Oneida Elder Services, to be knowledgeable and supportive of all programs and services that can meet the needs of the Nation's Elders and to carry out the powers and duties delegated under Wis. Stat., § 46.82, which include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Representing the views, interests, and concerns of the Elders by identifying and promoting ways to:
  - (1) Assist the Oneida Elder Services Program with planning, development, maintenance and coordination of aging programs, long term care, home and community-based services, with a focus on providing Elders with access to services, benefits, opportunities, and ensuring a coordinated and comprehensive effort.
  - (2) Develop a mutually supportive relationship with the aging programs to include, but not be limited to: Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resource (GWAAR), Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association (WTAUA), and Great Lakes Intertribal Tribal Council (GLITC).
  - (3) Review and make recommendations on matters affecting the Nation's Elders to include development and approval of Wisconsin Three Year Aging Plan.
- (b) Working with Oneida Elder Services to plan and develop administrative and program policies in accordance with the state law, Oneida Nation, funding agencies, and within the limits established for programs funded

by the federal or state government for administration by Tribal Aging Units;

- (c) Promoting the views, needs, and concerns of the Elders in Tribal, county, state, and federal policies and decisions;
- (d) Providing information and personal support to individual Elders;
- (e) Promoting opportunities for Elders to contribute to their own welfare and to the welfare of the community;
- (f) Assisting Oneida Elder Services in the development and implementation of an annual comprehensive and coordinated Tribal Aging Plan, including, but not limited to, Title III, Title V, Title VI, and Tribal contribution or funds set aside for Elders;
- (g) Reviewing and making recommendations on actions or proposals relating to matters affecting programs and benefits addressing Elder needs and welfare prior to approval by the Oneida Business Committee;
- (h) Assisting Oneida Elder Services in its efforts to organize, develop, modify, and expand available services and programs for Elders by utilizing all resources;
- (i) Reviewing reports that Oneida Elder Services is required to submit to funding agencies and other reports that ONCOA may deem appropriate;
- (j) Advocating for Elders; and
- (k) Carrying out all other powers and/or duties delegated to ONCOA through the laws, policies, rules and resolutions of the Oneida Nation, as well as state and federal law.

## **BCC MEMBERS**

Winnifred Thomas  
Chair  
July 31, 2026

Carole Liggins  
Member  
July 31, 2025

Sandra Skenadore  
Vice-Chair  
July 31, 2026

Christina Liggins  
Member  
July 31, 2026

Janice McLester  
Secretary  
July 31, 2024

Neoma Orsburn  
Member  
July 31, 2024

Barbara Cornelius  
Member  
July 31, 2024

Donald White  
Member  
July 31, 2025

Mary J Doxtator  
Member  
July 31, 2025

## **MEETINGS**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month.

1:00 P.M.

Aging & Disability Services Building, Conference Room, 2907 W Overland Road, Oneida WI

**Emergency Meetings:** Click here to enter any emergency meetings that were held during the reporting period and the reason for the meeting

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT #1**

Summary:

Five (5) ONCOA members attended the 2023 National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Conference held in Cherokee, North Carolina September 25 – 29, 2023. This is a biennial conference which focuses on information and resources to help Elders at a home and in their own communities. There were many breakout sessions which provided us with many ways to aid in spreading awareness in our communities. One such session emphasized the importance an Elder Law helps to support carrying out the strategies necessary for elder services.

Impact:

ONCOA stays abreast of conferences and events that offer the most comprehensive subject material relevant to the needs of the Oneida Nation elder community.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT #2**

Summary:

ONCOA has two (2) (CAB) members who continue to attend and represent the Oneida Nation elder community at the CAB Quarterly meetings [Date(s)]. These meetings originally only invited

our Nation's presence to the table. It has grown into our Nation providing more meaningful conversations at the State level, with Oneida Professionals who are invested through their education and knowledge able to share what the needs of our elder community are.

Impact:

ONCOA CAB members share/communicate and support the Oneida Professionals .....

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT #3**

Summary:

Two (2) ONCOA members were able to participate at the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNEA) Quarterly Conference in Danbury Wisconsin, December 6 & 7, 2023. GLNEA holds Quarterly meetings and their agenda's focus on different subject matter all of which is relevant to Native American Elders. This meeting's subject matter focused on Alzheimer's. The information shared helps ONCOA to determine what support services currently has and if there are next steps our community can move forward with.

Impact:

ONCOA recognizes the importance participating in events that provide up-to-date information on services and support that benefit's our Oneida Nation's Elders and their needs.

## **GOALS**

### LONG-TERM GOAL #1

Create a Strategic Plan for the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging.

Ensure we have the best tools and resources in place to effectively carry out our duties and responsibilities.

Update on Goal:

ONCOA will continue to meet to discuss projects and tasks. ONCOA will work to complete short and long term goals.

### QUARTERLY GOAL #1

To socialize, learn and seek wellness information: ONCOA will advocate for the development of educational seminars for Alzheimer's research and awareness. Stroke prevention research and awareness, as well as other long term care services and supportive opportunities for our Tribal Elders.

Provide opportunity for elders to meet and discuss issues effecting or pertaining to the Nation's elder community. Provide educational research and awareness information that may be of

benefit for elders with specific medical needs or that may be at risk. Provide social networking opportunities on local, county and State levels.

Update on Goal:

ONCOA will work with the General Manager and his staff on Alzheimer's research and awareness, stroke prevention research and awareness, as well as other long term care services and supportive opportunities for our Nation's Elders.

**STIPENDS**

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution 04-13-22-B sets the stipend amounts.

	Total dollar amount paid	Number of stipend type		
		Regular Mtg	Emergency Mtg	Hearings/Other
October 2023	\$1,700.00	2	0	0
November 2023	\$1,400.00	2	0	0
December 2023	\$600.00	1	0	0

**BUDGET**

FY-2024 BUDGET: \$72,150.00

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$7,126.00

ONCOA will be helping to fund the March 2024 GLNEA event being held in Oneida, WI, the 2024 Elder Expo event coordinated with the Aging & Disability Department later in 2024 and attending conferences/seminars and other functions in the community.

**REQUESTS**

ONCOA requests the Accounting Department meet with the BCC's to get a monthly expense report to provide more current budget information and is user friendly to meet the needs of the BCC's.

**OTHER**

None.