

FY-2024 2nd (Jan - Mar) Quarter Report

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Approved by official entity action on: 04/23/2024

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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

Neoma Orsburn
Member
July 31, 2024

Janice McLester
Secretary
July 31, 2024

Donald White
Member
July 31, 2025

Barbara Cornelius
Member
July 31, 2024

Vacant
Member
July 31, 2026

Mary J Doxtator
Member
July 31, 2025

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

1:00 P.M.

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

Emergency Meetings: None

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

Summary:

Three ONCOA members attended the 2024 National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Conference in Arlington, VA, from March 18 – 21, 2024. This conference provided technical assistance, resources, and training sessions on Title VI as well as coordination with Title III of the Older Americans Act. Tribal Nations shared info on Adult Day Care Centers and Assisted Living Centers. Resources for funding tribal programs and services to assist Elders at home and in the community were shared. The importance of writing your own tribal Elder Law was also emphasized

Impact:

ONCOA Members attended various workshops, obtained resources for technical assistance, updates on the Older Americans Act, and additional funding sources for Oneida Elder Services.

Accomplishment #2

Summary:

One of the ONCOA members living in Brown County has been appointed to the Brown County Aging and Disability Resource Center to provide tribal input on services and programs available to tribal residents of Brown County. An ONCOA member is also participating on an Outagamie County Board.

Impact:

ONCOA members provide tribal input and network with providers to coordinate services for tribal members.

Accomplishment #3

Summary:

Six ONCOA members attended the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNEA) Quarterly Conference hosted by Oneida on March 6-7, 2024. The conference focused on Alzheimer's/Dementia and helping caregivers learn how to care for the individual, coping with the physical and emotional demands, and caring for yourself. The food sovereignty speaker talked about the elder food boxes, expansion of the program, healthy nutritious food, gardening, and recruiting vendors to provide food for the food boxes.

Impact:

ONCOA members provided input and suggestions for the Elder food boxes, and received info on the Alzheimer's/Dementia program that can be shared with Oneida Elders.

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.

Long-term Goal #2

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
January 2024	\$1,300.00	2	0	0
February 2024	\$1,500.00	2	0	0
March 2024	\$1,200.00	2	0	1

BUDGET

FY-2024 BUDGET: \$72,150.00

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$18,079.00

ONCOA will continue to fulfill the duties associated with Section 46.82(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes identified in ONCOA Bylaws, 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

None

OTHER

None