

# FY-2024 3rd (Apr - Jun) Quarter Report

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## Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Approved by official entity action on: 7/23/2024

Submitted by: Winnifred Thomas, ONCOA Chair

OBC Liaison: Jennifer Webster

OBC Liaison Alternate: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

### **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

Claudia Skenandore  
 Member  
 July 31, 2026

Mary J Doxtator  
 Member  
 July 31, 2025

## MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

ONCOA worked with the Legislative Reference Office to update the Commission's by-laws.

Impact:

Due to changes in the by-law amendment process, it has caused yet another roadblock in getting the boards by-laws updated. This is causing much frustration for the Commission.

### 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 may also participate on Aging and Disability Resource Center Outagamie County Board.

Impact:

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

### **Accomplishment #3**

Summary:

Three ONCOA members attended the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNEA) Quarterly Conference hosted by St. Croix on June 5 & 6, 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
April 2024	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
May 2024	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
June 2024	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BUDGET**

FY-2024 BUDGET: \$72,150

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$24,433

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