

FY-2024 4th (Jul - Sep) Quarter Report

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Approved by official entity action on: 10/22/2024

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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

Mary J Doxtator
Member
July 31, 2025

Carole Liggins
Member
July 31, 2025

Donald White
Member
July 31, 2025

Claudia Skenandore
Vice-Chair
July 31, 2026

Sandra Skenandore
Secretary
July 31, 2026

Winnifred Thomas
Chair
July 31, 2026

Cathy Metoxen
Member
July 31, 2027

Neoma Orsburn
Member
July 31, 2027

Pearl Webster
Member
July 31, 2027

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:

Oneida Nation has partnered with the University of Wisconsin in Madison to support Native Americans in Alzheimer's disease research for almost a decade. ONCOA was an early partner in this study. ONCOA worked with Dr Carey Gleason on ideas on how to make Alzheimer's disease and dementia testing easier on the Oneida Nation community instead of traveling to Madison. ONCOA wrote a letter of support for Dr Carey Gleason to express their support for the idea to create research site in Oneida.

Impact:

Having a research site in Oneida would be beneficial to the Oneida community and the University of Wisconsin because with elders not having to travel, there will be more participants for better research.

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 (GLNAEA) Conference hosted by Lac Courte Oreille Casino in Hayward, WI on September 4 & 5, 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.

Impact:

ONCOA members provided input and suggestions for the indigenous elder community and received info on the Alzheimer's/Dementia program that can be shared with Oneida Elders.

Accomplishment #4

Summary:

Five ONCOA members attended the Kunhi-yo "I'm Healthy" Conference hosted by Oneida Hotel in Oneida, WI on August 29, 2024. The conference focused on healing from substance abuse and mental health challenges people experience while in recovery. Generational trauma in Native Americans were also talked about and ways to overcome the trauma and change the generations to come.

Impact:

ONCOA members provided input and suggestions for the indigenous community and shared their experience on generational trauma and healing.

GOALS

Long-term Goal #1

Continue to work on the 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
July 2024	\$1,400.00	2	0	0
August 2024	\$400.00	1	0	0
September 2024	\$1,600.00	2	0	0

BUDGET

FY-2024 BUDGET: \$72,150

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$40,578

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