

FY-2025 1st (Oct - Dec) Quarter Report

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Provide the name of the entity, the member submitting the report, and the Oneida Business Committee liaison.

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Approved by official entity action on: January 28, 2025

Submitted by: Winnifred Thomas, ONCOA Chair

OBC Liaison: Jennifer Webster

OBC Liaison: 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

Provide a list of the members and their titles, term expiration dates and contact information.

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MEETINGS

List when and how often the entity is holding meetings and whether any emergency meetings have been held. If an emergency meeting was held, indicate the basis of the emergency meeting for each meeting.

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

1:00 p.m.

Aging & Disability Services build located at 2907 S. Overland Rd. Oneida, WI 54155, or Microsoft Teams.

Emergency Meetings: 0

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provide details of what the entity has accomplished that quarter, including any special events held during the reporting period and any travel by the members and/or staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

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 #2

Summary:

One ONCOA member attended the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA) Conference hosted by Potawatomi Casino and Hotel in Carter, WI on December 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 #3

Summary:

ONCOA released their first DRUMS Newsletter in October 2024. The DRUMS Newsletter was brought back to keep the elder population connected with the community.

Impact:

Continue to keep the elder population connected with the community.

GOALS

Provide details of the entity's long-term goals, the entity's goals for the next quarter, and projected quarterly activities.

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.

QUARTERLY GOAL #1

Continue to provide the DRUMS Newsletter to the elder community.

Ensure that our elders stay informed about local news, events, community initiatives, and important announcements.

Update on Goal:

First DRUMS Newsletter was released in October 2024.

QUARTERLY GOAL #2

Transition into a new workspace for the ONCOA commissioners.

Opportunity for the commissioners to have a workspace to work on their projects, goals, and the DRUMS Newsletter at the Elder Services building

Update on Goal:

Transition started in December, expecting to be completed by April 2025.

BUDGET

Provide the amount of the entities budget and the status of the budget at that quarter.

FY-2025 BUDGET: \$102,150

FY-2025 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$25,533

List how your BCC is utilizing your budget and projected budgetary uses for the next quarter.

ONCOA will continue to fulfill the duties associated with Section 46.82(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes identified in ONCOA Bylaws, attending conferences/seminars and other functions in the community.

Stipends

List the amount of each stipend a member may be eligible to receive.

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 2024	\$1700	2	0	0
November 2024	\$500	1	0	0
December 2024	\$500	1	0	0

REQUESTS

List details of any requests to the Oneida Business Committee.

None.

OTHER

List any other information deemed appropriate by the entity, as well as any other information required by a law or policy of the Nation.

None.