



Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee Minutes

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Note Taker (s):	Vicky White
Voting Members:	Deb Simaitis, Peter Nicastro, Jan Finn, Virginia Beatty
Pending Confirmation Members:	Lori Kramer-Clark, Kenny Kovacs, Mary Ann Burns
Partners/Guests:	Gina Wisch, Valerie Hardesty, Joshua Allee, Kim Harbur
DHSS Staff:	Steve Cramer, Sandy Hentges, Vicky White
Called to order:	Vice-Chair Deb Simaitis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and announced there was not a quorum.

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval

Members and guests introduced themselves; Ms. Mary Ann Burns, new committee member (awaiting confirmation) Joshua Allee, VP of Mission Integration with SSM Health, and Valerie Hardesty and Anna Sumner, Missouri Kidney Program. Agenda was approved with addition of FY20 Annual Report to the secretarial report. July 21, 2021 minutes were approved as edited.

Conclusion: Informational

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Introductions, agenda approval, and minute approval	Committee members and partners	Ongoing

Reporting of Officers/Committees

Chairperson Report (Ms. Simaitis)

- Committee Appointments: New appointments were made by the Governor. Ms. Burns, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Kramer-Clark are awaiting confirmation by the Senate which is expected in January 2022.

Comments/Thoughts (Ms. Simaitis)

- Ms. Simaitis shared that Dr. Steve White, veterinarian, was the 900th heart transplant patient at St. Luke’s.
- Ms. Simaitis shared that she had received notification from the Missouri Foundation for Health that our committee, as a grantee or close community partner, is eligible to register up to two staff members for an Introductory Capital workshop. The workshop will be held October 21-22. If interested contact Ms. Simaitis or go to Missouri Foundation for Health website.

Dashboard and Financial Trend Updates (Mr. Nicastro)

- Donor Fund Cash Flow Table and Balance Graph: The fund has a balance of 2.55 times the trailing 12-month expense. The target is to not exceed three.
- Dashboard:
 - The contribution rate is currently at 12.12% for the period May through July 2021, above the original goal of five percent. Ms. Simaitis stated that DOR actively addresses issues with asking the two donor questions which may be the reason that this number continues to gradually climb.
 - Enrollment numbers reflect approximately three hundred ninety new enrollments per day. Mr. Nicastro is trying to understand why consent enrollments are down approximately 76,000 enrollments. There is no way to determine how many of the 76,000 are death removals vs people requesting to be removed from the registry.
 - Youth Enrollment (under age eighteen) is 95,339 or 62.2 percent of this target population.
 - Dashboard replacement data was discussed at the July meeting and Mr. Nicastro is currently working on that task.

Secretarial Report (Ms. Beatty)

- The FY22 budget report has been sent out. Ms. Beatty made an adjustment to the payroll line item that now includes the pay increases.
- FY20 annual report printing has been allotted in the budget. Postage may be adjusted once it is determined how many reports will be printed.
- Travel will be minimal. Ms. Beatty and Ms. Allen will not be attending the National Conference this year.
- Revenues are coming in a little higher than estimated.
- The Donate Life Missouri Registry system is running smoothly.
- Ms. Beatty reported that she was happy everyone had been able to connect to BOX. This platform is offered by the Missouri Office of Administration which allows documents to be shared outside of State agencies. This move is due to possible security issues with the changes Google made to its Sites October 1.

Conclusions: Informational & Actionable

Action Items:

Donate Life Missouri Social Media Data & Dashboard
Current Census Data to Mr. Nicastro
Submit new photo if you want one for FY21 report
Chair letter for FY21 annual report
Educate, Share, Inspire articles (MTN, MWTN, Saving Site, GOL, DOR) submit with forms and photo

Person Responsible:

Mr. Nicastro
Ms. Beatty
Members
Ms. Simaitis
Members

Deadline:

Ongoing
As schedule permits
October 31, 2021
October 31, 2021
October 31, 2021

Partner Updates

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Refer to Addendum 1 for full report. (Ms. Wehmeyer)

- Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) is returning to in-person at all events this year.
- The fall leadership conference will be October 21-22 at Stephen's College in Columbia, Mo.
- The state officer team is currently at the Washington Leadership Academy in Washington DC.
- Competitive Event Preparation Workshop will be December 3, 2021 at the Governor's Office Building in Jefferson City, MO.
- Health Science Education Mentoring is scheduled for September 24, 2021.
- Virtual health care career day is scheduled for February 25, 2022. DESE is partnering with Missouri Hospital Association and the Chamber of Commerce to host the event. February was chosen because it is Career and Technical Education Month.

Saving Sight (Mr. Kovacs)

- Saving Sight is gearing up for eye donation month in November and sending a couple of people to the virtual Donate Life America conference in October.
- Saving Sight is participating in a study with a few of their surgeons thru the Eye Bank Association of America. This is a four-year study looking at how diabetes could affect certain types of tissue grafts in corneal transplant procedures.

Mid-America Transplant (MAT)/Team Missouri (Mr. Lee)

- No update.

Midwest Transplant Network (MTN) Refer to Addendum 2 for full report. (Ms. Kramer-Clark and Ms. Stoker)

- Data report for January through August 2021: 230 organ donors which annualizes to 345. August was a record month for MTN with 38 organ donations! MTN's transplant volume through August 2021 is 621 which annualizes to 932. Tissue volume through August is 1,179 which annualizes to 1,770.
- The Donor Care Unit, seven bed ICU, is under construction and is on target to take donors in spring of 2022. The Unit will have operating rooms. MTN is currently working on staffing models, standard operating procedures, and stakeholder education.
- A few facilities are now accepting positive COVID organs (kidneys) and are having success transplanting into vaccinated recipients. Currently, a COVID positive organ will not be transplanted into a non-vaccinated recipient.
- Events:
 - Week of September 27, 2021 is a blood drive at the University of Missouri.
 - October 2 will be Donor Family Day at the Kansas City Zoo.
 - October 7 will be the Annual Critical Care Symposium in Wichita.
 - October 12 is a Family Donor Day at the Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville, Mo., home of the Budweiser Clydesdales.
 - October 24 MTN and Iowa Donor Network is sponsoring Joey Gase, NASCAR driver at the Hollywood Casino.
 - October 29 is the Annual Critical Care symposium at Arrowhead Stadium.
 - November 4 is the Annual Transplant Symposium at the Kansas City office.
 - November 12-14 is National Donor Sabbath.

Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP) (Valerie Hardesty gave the report in Laurie Hines absence.)

- MoKP is increasing outreach to prepare for Medicare annual enrollment. Patients that are ESRD can now be enrolled in a Medicare Advantage program.
- The Chronic Kidney Disease Tele-Echo with Missouri TeleHealth network has kicked off.

Gift of Life (GOL) Refer to Addendum 3 for full report. (Ms. Harbur)

- The Life Savers (KC) program is on track to complete 250 classroom presentations this semester with a goal of 500 for the year.

- The Life Savers outreach program in St. Louis is gaining interest. GOL met with the diversity director of Washington University, three school districts, and the Missouri Health Teacher of the Year.
- The Transplant Mentors program Director, Andy Donnelly is stepping down on October 8. He will be focusing on his health and family.
- The sold-out golf tournament is October 1. Two hundred sixteen participants are registered for this event.

Department of Revenue (DOR) (Ms. Wisch)

- DOR Recently implemented online driver record request sales. These records are unauthenticated records and an option to request authenticated records is coming.
- DOR has been collecting data as part of the electronic notifications process (i.e. contact information) in order to try to get clients to subscribe to receiving correspondence (renewal notices, etc.) electronically. Data collection on the driver license side began in August 2020 and recently data collection began on the motor vehicle side.
- DOR local license office compliance consisted of thirty-four audits to date which found seven that had clerks who were not asking the organ donor questions or asking them differently than written. Ms. Beatty asked what consequence there was for those clerks and Ms. Wisch advised they would receive refresher training to get in compliance. Ms. Simaitis asked how those clerks were identified. Ms. Wisch responded that there are several ways including observance during a compliance audit, questions asked or observance outside of the audit, and reports from constituents that feel or know the questions were not asked the right way. Ms. Burns asked about the questions. Ms. Beatty will provide Ms. Burns the actual questions after the meeting.

Department of Conservation

- No report.

Conclusions: Informational & Actionable

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Updates	Partners	Ongoing

Unfinished Business

High School Education Project (Ms. Harbur)

- Learn Life Savers is a high school outreach program that is expanding outside the Kansas City area. The team has eight captains statewide that are presenting at school board meetings to explain the program. There are five hundred twenty-five school districts in the state and the goal for the year is fifty presentations (two a month). The program is gaining momentum and interest.

SWOT/SSC* (Ms. Simaitis)

- Ms. Simaitis asked to keep SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) as an ongoing agenda item. She requested members use this as an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and to make the committee more effective. She stated the committee has several members participating on expired terms, and now that some new members have been appointed and awaiting confirmation this will allow time for input and growth.

Specialty Plate (Ms. Simaitis and OPO Partners)

- Ms. Simaitis asked during the last meeting if any information about specialty plates could be included in mailings to donor families. Ms. Kramer-Clark is concerned that promoting the plates, especially in the first few mailings may cause misinterpretation by the donor families as there are associated costs. Donor family mailings go out at three months, six months, twelve months, and two years. Ms. Kramer-Clark suggests that social media might be a better outlet as an awareness tool for the plates. Ms. Harbur offered to put a blurb in the GOL eBlast application.

Conclusions: Informational & Actionable

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Monitoring legislation and feedback	DHSS and Committee Members	Ongoing
Specialty Plate link to be sent to MTN/MWTN	Ms. Beatty	November 1, 2021

New Business

Election of Chairperson (Committee Members)

- Committee postponed the election until the next meeting as a quorum was not present.

New Format for Meeting Minutes (Ms. Simaitis)

- A new concise format has been requested by the Department. Mr. Cramer was asked to provide some detail about the request and he noted that the Department has new leadership and when the last minutes were sent forward it was requested by the line of supervision to make the minutes in summary fashion. Ms. Simaitis asked to keep this item on the agenda for next meeting to consider possible option of having condensed minutes with addendums of the partner updates and move this item to Unfinished Business.

2022 Donor Family Recognition Program (Ms. Beatty)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Beatty reports that the first planning meeting was held August 3. The team has reviewed participant feedback and considering the submitted suggestions. The next planning meeting is October 29, 2021. The Donor Family Recognition Program event will be April 12, 2022 and the location is pending. 		
Conclusions: Informational & Actionable		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Elections	Committee	Next meeting.
Specialty Plate	Ms. Beatty & DOR	Next meeting.
Move Meeting Minute format discussion to Unfinished Business and keep on agenda	Ms. Beatty & Ms. White	October 15, 2021
Good of the Order		
Closing Comments/Thoughts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Simaitis asked that all members review the Bylaws and make any recommendation for changes at the next meeting. Committee will meet again the first week of December. Ms. Beatty will poll for a date. 		
Conclusions: Informational and Actionable		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Review Bylaws and make change recommendations	Committee Members	Next meeting.
Closing Comments and Thoughts	Attendees	Ongoing
Next meeting.		
Agenda/Logistics (December 2021)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit meeting preference (virtual/in-person, agenda items, etc.) to Deb Simaitis and Virginia Beatty. 		
Conclusions: Informational & Actionable		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Submit meeting preference	Committee	Prior to next meeting
Submit agenda items	Committee	Prior to next meeting
Develop agenda.	Ms. Simaitis & Ms. Beatty	Prior to next meeting
Issue meeting poll.	Ms. Beatty	November 1
Send out agenda and handouts.	Ms. Beatty	Prior to next meeting.
Adjourn		
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.	Deb Simaitis, Vice Chairperson	

Approved as Amended 2.28.2022