



Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee Minutes

DATE: 03-02-2020 | Conference Call



Note taker (s): Rachel Allen
Attendees: Jim Pruitt, Virginia Beatty, Rachel Allen
 By Phone: Deb Simaitis, Peter Nicasastro, Joan Keiser, Jan Finn, Phil Duncan, Steve Cramer, Gina Wisch, Sean Nevills, Laurie Hines, and Kenny Kovacs
Called by: Joan Keiser, Chair
Called to order at: 1:37 pm

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval

Ms. Keiser called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. Ms. Beatty completed roll call. Mr. Nicasastro requested the addition of “Fee Office Recognition” to “New Business” on the agenda. Agenda approved as amended.

The September 17, 2019 meeting minutes approved as corrected.

- remove the “t” in the second bullet under Dashboard and Financial Trend Updates,
- remove “at” and add quotations around “Other (Materials, Initiatives, Media)” in the second bullet under Secretarial Report,
- change “Baker Creek Nursery” to ‘Backer Creek Heirloom Seed Company” under 2020 Donor Family Recognition Update,
- spell out DRS and RFP the first time under Online Registration Discussion,
- change “are” to “is” under Annual Report Update,
- remove the sentence “No discussion.” from Partnerships,
- change “Mid America” to “Mid-America Transplant” under Mid-America Transplant/Team Missouri,
- change “Midwest Transplant” to “Midwest Transplant Network” under Midwest Transplant Network,
- change “brining” to “bring” in last sentence under Midwest Transplant Network, and
- Change “while” to “where” in the third sentence under Gift of Life (GOL)

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Minutes drafted, posted and electronically issued	Virginia Beatty	No later than May 15, 2020
Minutes reviewed and edits submitted	Committee Members	No later than May 29, 2020
Draft minutes and combined edits posted and electronically issued	Virginia Beatty	3-5 Days prior to next meeting date

Reporting of Officers/Committees

Chair Report

- Appointment Update: Ms. Keiser inquired of appointment information. No change in GODAC applications status. Ms. Keiser states any seeking reappointment/appointment should follow up with the Governor’s Boards and Commissions Office and/or their state Senator. Ms. Keiser will call to get a status of appointments.

Dashboard and Financial Trend Updates

- Mr. Nicasastro reported on the Dashboard. Average consent enrollment per day is 412 and was 420 per day last fiscal year.
- Mr. Nicasastro reported the overall fund balance at the end of January was \$551,750 and \$516,395 at the end of February.

Secretarial Report

- Staff changes: Mr. Benjamin Pringer joined the team as the Senior Office Support Assistant (SOSA) today and due to other obligations is unable to attend the meeting. Please welcome Mr. Pringer as you call into the office. He is starting a new career, is new to state government, and has years of customer service experience.
- FY20 Financial Report: Actual revenue for the period of July 2019 thru January 2020 is approximately 71% of the budgeted income; \$186,443.07 (actual) of \$261,298.00 (budgeted). Actual expenditures for the same period are approximately 45% of the budgeted expenditures. The Health Program Representative II and SOSA position vacancies created some cost savings. Depending on the overall fund balance, the “Other (Materials, Initiatives, Media)” line item may or may not be spent. Revenue and expenditure details are available on the budget handout. Additional Registry modernization expenditures are expected.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Provide Updates	Ms. Keiser, Mr. Nicastro, and Ms. Beatty	Next Meeting
Partner Updates		
Department of Secondary and Elementary Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department’s liaison was unable to attend the meeting. No report. 		
Saving Sight		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saving Sight is celebrating its 60th anniversary with videos and stories from recipient families and staff. The 2019 calendar year was a record setting year for Saving Sight with over 3,300 corneas placed. At the current 2020 pace, cornea placements will exceed 2019 placements. 		
Mid-America Transplant/Team Missouri (MAT)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-America Transplant’s liaison was unable to attend the meeting. No report. 		
Midwest Transplant Network (MTN)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jan Finn reported Midwest Transplant continues to see growth in donation with 282 organ donors, 929 organ transplants, and an increase in tissue donation. The Green Ribbon Champion campaign continues and is in its third year. The agency is planning building remodeling projects in 2021-2022. The projects will add a donor care unit and a recovery facility to the site that will allow organ donor recovery at the MTN facility, similar to the way MAT has done since 1999 with great success. With this move, the agency expects to see an increase in surgeon satisfaction, decreased overall cost and maintained satisfaction for donor families. The committee inquired about the allocation discussion happening nationally, organ procurement organization (OPO) changes, and demands from Congress. The radius of organ allocation has increased to 250 - 500 nautical miles, depending on the severity of illness for waiting recipients. Ms. Finn shared her concerns about the national organ allocation process that is doubling the cost of recovery and transportation for transplant hospitals. Much of the additional cost will pass to the recipient programs. Nationally, some transplant centers are happy with the changes as the donor pool increases for those centers. Increase in wait times is projected for Midwest waitlist patients. Smaller centers across the country may close due to too few organs recovered and transplanted, or due to the increased cost. Up to 50% of OPOs could face decertification in 2022 if they do not meet the conditions of participation set forth by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Recertification occurs for OPOs every four years. CMS drafted new guidelines based on hospital deaths of patients who appear to meet criteria for donation. The measurements are proposed to be actual number of donors and number of transplants. Currently MTN is third in transplants and fourth in donors based on 2017 data, with 2019 projected to be higher. Mid-America Transplant ranks very well on the same measures. The annual Legacy Walk moved to June 2020 and will be a virtual event. The 2021 walk will be at a new location; the national WWI Museum in Kansas City. The walk will focus on donors and bringing the community together. 		
Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Hines shared that the kidney transplant workbook, for dialysis patients that are transplant ready, continues to progress and has received positive comments from nephrologists. The collaborative team will continue to refine and work toward final edits and plan to have the workbook completed soon. Ms. Beatty attended her first MoKP Advisory Council meeting, provided an update, represented GODAC well, and received positive feedback from other Council members. 		
Gift of Life (GOL)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Harbur had a previous engagement and asked Ms. Beatty to provide her report. Ms. Suzy Ward is now a Life Savers classroom educator for GOL in St. Louis. Ms. Ward has expertise in building programs and GOL is happy she joined the team. Staff continues to present the Life Savers program in high schools every day in the Kansas City area. The schedule has been challenging this year due to snow days, influenza and the Kansas City Chief’s parade. Transplant Mentors program continues to pursue relationships with local transplant hospitals to increase the number of patients that have a mentor. The agencies 2020 focus is to mentor more kidney patients. Saturday, May 2 will be GOL’s annual fundraiser, GoSeeDo. Tickets are \$100 each and go on sale March 16. This year, GOL is honoring medical professionals and caregivers. If anyone is interested in attending, reach out to Kim Harbur to make arrangements or visit giftdonor.org. 		

Department of Revenue (DOR)

- Ms. Gina Wisch conveyed DOR is seeing approximately a 40% increase in transactions due to Real ID as well as an increase in registry registrations, and expects the trend to continue through October.
- Summer 2020 will see the installation and implementation of all new hardware and new driver license formats. A new reminder mailer to license holders is under development. The mailer will contain the same information as before for the registry. DOR is willing to consider changes to the mailer. Submit any suggested changes within the next three weeks. Ms. Simaitis thanked DOR for the message “Save Lives. Register to be An Organ Donor” on the mailed driver license information. Ms. Beatty will submit the new Registry address for the mailer.

Action Items:

Provide updates.

Person Responsible:

Partner Representatives

Deadline:

Next Meeting

Unfinished Business**High School Education Project Update**

- Ms. Beatty reported for Ms. Harbur. The Learn Life Savers sub-committee will be presenting to school boards within the next few months. The sub-committee’s goal after that is to train all of the regional captains followed by volunteers in July.

2020 Donor Family Recognition Update

- Ms. Allen shared the Donor Family Recognition Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 and reflecting DLA’s Donate Life Month Theme, Garden of Life, by incorporating potted flowers as centerpieces, along with donated redbud seedlings, wild flowers and small individual pots for donor families. In addition, the program received donated attendee parking, transportation, and light snacks. Hy-Vee is catering snacks. Invited speakers are Governor Parson, Representative Vescovo, a cornea recipient, and Mr. Nicastro. City of Jefferson, Mid-America Transplant, Midwest Transplant Network, Baker’s Creek Heritage Seed Company, Wal-Mart, and the Departments of Conservation and Health and Senior Services are program sponsors this year. Ms. Allen thanked all the partners for participating and mentioned how she anticipates a successful event.

Annual Report Update

- Ms. Beatty thanked members and partners for submitted articles and stories. The report posted to the web in January and printing will occur in the spring.

Missouri Department of Conservation Invitation and University of Missouri Thank You Letter

- Ms. Beatty shared the drafted thank you letters. Approved by GODAC. Ms. Beatty to route for signatures.

Donate Life Missouri Registry

- Ms. Beatty conveyed the new registry system went live at the end of January. Administrative functions and supporting documentation is under refinement and development. Development of reports has started and request for testing will go out in the spring.

Proclamation

- Ms. Keiser inquired if the program received copies of the proclamation. Copies received according to Ms. Beatty confirmed. Ms. Beatty will email a scanned copy to members and partners.

Strategic Plan Discussion

- Tabled.

Action Items:

Route letters.

Email proclamation to members and partners.

Person Responsible:

Ms. Beatty

Ms. Beatty

Deadline:

ASAP

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New Business**Bylaw Review Report**

- Mr. Nicastro and Ms. Simaitis summarized their discussion, proposed changes, and reasons for the proposed changes. They also recommended that for the future, members’ discussion to consider tenure of membership, quorum, assigning responsibility of annual bylaw review, member retention period, and institutional knowledge. Future members may want to consider standing rules vs. changes to bylaws.
- The Bylaw Subcommittee recommended adding a statement to paragraph III.2 of the Bylaws; first reading. “The Bylaws Subcommittee moves to amend the GODAC Bylaws by adding a sentence to III Meetings, #2 Method: The Chairperson shall make available a minimum of one face-to-face meeting per year.” A second read and vote will occur at the June 2020 meeting. Ms. Beatty will email recommended change to all members as soon as possible.

Legislative Report

- Mr. Jim Pruitt provided the legislative update and reported on the following proposed bills. There is no fiscal impact to the bills related to the Department.
 - SB 551 prohibits discrimination in insurance against a person based on the person's status as an organ donor and makes living donation information available to the public,
 - 2/3/2020 Second Read House
 - HB 1709, a companion bill for SB 551, prohibits discrimination in insurance against a person based on the person's status as an organ donor and make living donation information available to the public,
 - 2/18/2020 Referred to House Legislative Rules Committee
 - SB 1010, modifies provisions relating to outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate orders,
 - 2/17/2020 Second Reading Senate Floor
 - HB 2493, a companion bill for SB 1010, modifies provisions relating to outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate orders, and
 - 2/27/2020 Referred to Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
 - SCR 33 designating August as Minority Organ Donor Awareness month,
 - 3/2/2020 Placed on Resolutions Calendar Reported from Committee

Fee Office Recognition

- Mr. Nicastro inquired about the status of quarterly winners, including most improved. Ms. Beatty reported that the program is behind schedule with quarterly awards due to the registry modernization project and assured Mr. Nicastro that the state awards will continue.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Email Bylaw change to members.	Ms. Beatty	ASAP
Review and prepare for Bylaw discussion and vote.	Members	Vote at next meeting

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Election of Officers at June Meeting

- Ms. Keiser noted that each member brings value and we need to be thinking about who to nominate for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- Ms. Keiser announced she will be retiring from the hospital, and will relinquish the hospital representative position when that occurs.

Closing Comments/Thoughts

- Ms. Finn asked that members receive, review and submit corrections to the minutes, and that the Secretary combine and issue the corrections in such a manner that members have time to review all corrections in advance of the next meeting.
- Agenda changes work well; moving partner reports to near the beginning of the agenda.
- Suggest that partners submit written report prior to meeting as a way to be more efficient with everyone's time.
- Continue to examine how to make efficiencies to the agenda and meetings.

Action items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Prepare nominations	Members	June Meeting

Next Meeting

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Provide updates.	Partner Representatives	Next Meeting
Develop agenda.	Ms. Keiser & Ms. Beatty	May 2020
Issue meeting poll.	Ms. Beatty	May 2020

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.	Joan Keiser, Chair
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Approved July 9, 2020