



# Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee Minutes

DATE: 09-18-2020 | WebEx Meeting



**Note taker (s):** Benjamin Pringer  
**Attendees:** Deb Simaitis, Jan Finn, Joan Keiser, Peter Nicasastro, Phil Duncan, Gina Wisch, Laurie Hines, Kenny Kovacs, Kim Harbur, Nicole Kellen, Valerie Hardesty, Shelly Wehmeyer, Laura Beckmann, Michala Stoker, Steve Cramer, Daniel Bogle, Virginia Beatty, Ben Pringer, Rachel Allen  
**Called by:** Joan Keiser, Chairperson  
**Called to order at:** 9:36 A.M.

## Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval

Ms. Keiser called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. No roll call was taken and the Agenda received approval as written.

Review of corrections submitted for July 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

- July minutes approved with corrections (see Addendum 1).
- Ms. Beatty will accept the edits and make the minutes available.

## Reporting of Officers/Committees

### Chairperson Report

- Ms. Keiser urges everyone to continue contacting the Governor’s office about his or her appointment.

### Dashboard and Financial Trend Updates

- Mr. Nicasastro reported on the Dashboard.
  - Contribution rate was 8.94%, an increase of 3% from previous months.
  - Events with partners for the year are down due to effects from COVID-19.
  - Consent trend is currently up. On average, 390 people are added per day to the consent registry.
  - Youth enrollment trend is now on the dashboard per the request of members. Tracking will continue to see how this affects future trends.
  - No unscheduled down time to report for the registry.
- Mr. Nicasastro reviewed the Donor Fund Cash Flow table and balance graph. Mr. Nicasastro opened the floor for questions. No questions raised.

### Secretarial Report

- Ms. Beatty provided the Budget reports.
  - **FY20 Fiscal Report**
    - Final Report.
    - Total revenue was higher than projected.
    - There was a cost savings to the personnel line item due to program staff assisting with the COVID-19 efforts.
  - **FY21 Fiscal Report**
    - Revenue for the month of July was higher than projected.
    - Mo Kidney Program helped to cover the cost for the My Transplant Ready Workbook.
- Ms. Beatty opened the floor for questions. No questions raised.

## Partner Updates

### Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)

- New website launched, MissouriHealthySchools.com. School personnel can visit the site to talk with experts who can assist with cleaning tips, social anxieties, and more in regards to the struggles and concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These tips will tie in with all of the departments social media platforms including, but not limited to, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc.
  - The website should help schools get through reopening phases and pivot with the ever-changing models presented for responding and keeping students safe.
- CDC gave funds for professionals to continue the development of new planning strategies.
- Launching a new training for virtual and in-person schools; Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child – Building Healthy Community for Kids.
  - Program provides guidance for sexual abuse training through a trauma informed lens.

- Concern with sports and contact tracing is still an issue with which a lot of schools and families are struggling; the focus is on how to keep sports going while keeping students' safe.

### **Saving Sight**

- Prep work for eye donation month in November, formally held in March, has begun.
- Team members are now back in hospitals and offices. They are practicing safe social distancing and adhering to even stronger safety precautions in high COVID-19 positive areas.
- Authorization rates are high right now and have gone up since the pandemic.
- Saving Sight continues working on improved relationships between funeral homes and coroners. Coroners are now even recommending donation to families on behalf of Saving Sight.

### **Mid-America Transplant/Team Missouri**

- There are currently five donors in our ICU awaiting recovery.
- Mid-America Transplant is on pace for 409 kidney transplants by the end of the year, a new milestone.
- Tissue authorizations are up five percent.
- Staff are constantly working on performance excellence to make improvements based off the experiences and feedback of donor families.
- In observance of DMV Appreciation Month (September), cards and treats are being distributed to DMV office staff.
- Donor awareness is being conducted outside of DMV's rather than being inside; providing water and information cards while customers wait in line.
- There has been a positive response to moving education in a virtual direction. Staff shortened educational videos from 60 to 30 minutes with an option to request more information.
- November is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and planning is underway.
- Currently three online donor family workshops are in development for this year.
- Mid-America Transplant's full report is Addendum 2.

### **Midwest Transplant Network (MTN)**

- In the 100 days, from June 1 until September 8, exactly 100 organ donations saved the lives of almost 300 people.
- Tissue donation during this time excelled as well with nearly 500 individuals giving the gift of donation, which helps, on average, 5,000 people.
- Collaborative efforts with Mid-America Transplant are underway to educate members about the importance of adopting the CMS metrics to stimulate continuous performance improvement.
- Created a new campaign to raise awareness for, and celebrate multicultural communities associated with, organ, eye, and tissue donation; "Together, we save more lives," a social media-driven outreach project aimed at donation education and encouraging people of all backgrounds, races, and faith communities to join the organ, eye and tissue donor registry. The campaign will continue this November during National Donor Sabbath.
- For the September celebration of National DMV Appreciation Week, MTN sent a package to each office in their service area with decoration supplies, promotional items, and a handwritten thank you note from staff.
- October Family events will be at the Kansas City Zoo and virtually in November for the "Hope for the Holidays Celebration."
- Midwest Transplant Network's full report is Addendum 3.

### **Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP)**

- All Missouri transplant clinics and centers received copies of the "My Transplant Ready Work Book." They are also available by request or online at mokp.org.
- Kidney Disease ECHOs are going on to increase education and to build relationships among providers. ECHO is an acronym for Extension for Community Health Outcomes.
- Transportation efforts are still in effect for dialysis patients who are pending and/or COVID-19 positive so that they can still receive dialysis treatment.

### **Gift of Life (GOL)**

- The mentoring program is now working with 32 hospitals nationwide and plans to work with a maximum of 35 for now.
- The updated mentor manual is now in use via Zoom along with the "My Transplant Ready Workbook."
- The "Give to Live" campaign raised \$136,000 and exceeded the goal of \$90,000.
- Gift of Life's full report is Addendum 4.

**Department of Conservation**

- The department’s liaison was unable to attend the meeting. No report.

**Department of Revenue**

- A new hardware refresh occurred statewide.
- All offices are back open again.
- The department is still in the process of working through the backlog of renewals due to all the COVID-19 closures. Revenue provided a six-month extension for renewals.

**Action Items:**

Provide updates.

**Person Responsible:**

Partner Representatives

**Deadline:**

Next Meeting

**Dismissed for a short recess at 12:16 pm and reconvened at 12:43****Unfinished Business****Election of Officers**

- Ms. Keiser reviewed the bylaws for the group and opened the floor for chairperson nominations.
- Jan Finn nominated Peter Nicastro as Chairperson.
  - With no additional nominations, a roll call vote was taken with five “yes” and one “abstain”, Peter Nicastro was elected the new Chairperson starting at the close of the meeting.
- Ms. Keiser then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.
  - Phil Duncan and Deb Simaitis nominated Jan Finn. Ms. Finn kindly declined the nomination due to other responsibilities.
  - Ms. Finn suggested Deb Simaitis continue holding her position as Vice-Chairperson. After reviewing the Bylaws it was decided that this was permissible. Phil Duncan nominated Deb Simaitis for a second term as Vice-Chairperson.
  - A roll call vote was then taken with four “yes” and one “abstain”, Deb Simaitis was elected Vice-Chairperson.

**High School Education Project Update**

- Learn Life Savers goal was to have three presentations set by each planning team group with schoolboards by early November.
- COVID-19 continues to be an obstacle when scheduling anything due to all the other pressing issues schools are currently trying to balance. The planning team will reconvene this fall and discuss their goal and timeline.
- Currently the Learn Life Savers project is investigating cost options including the possibility of contracting with a marketing firm to get information out to the public rather than relying solely on schools. This could be in the form of social media, public focused campaigns, etc.

**2021 Donor Family Recognition Update**

- The first planning meeting for the 2021 event is later this month.
- A tentative Donor Family event date is April 13, 2021.
- At this time, there will be both a virtual and in-person event. This format is subject to change with public safety decisions.

**New Business****2021 Legislative Session**

- Special Projects Manager Daniel Bogle with the Department of Health and Senior Services gave the following report.
  - Reviewed the 2020 legislative session including passage of SB 551. The Department may post living donation materials on its website. Since the bill did not define organizations, the word “may” gives the Department flexibility to decline information that is not reliable.
  - Informed members they should anticipate bills not passed in 2020 to be reintroduced in the 2021 session. Filing bills for the 2021 legislative session begins in early December.

**Program Action Plan**

- Ms. Beatty informed the committee the program developed a general action plan. Once posted to the website, members will receive notification. The program will execute the plan throughout FY 21 and FY 22.

**Committee Evaluation**

- Ms. Keiser stated committee evaluation is important and leaves it up to the newly elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Keiser strongly recommends evaluation and stated improvement is always a positive.

**Action Items:**

Decide on whether or not to proceed with committee evaluations.

**Person Responsible:**

Chairperson

**Deadline:**

Next Meeting

<b>Good of the Order</b>		
<b>Closing Comments/Thoughts</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Beatty urges partners to continue sending in their updates before the meetings and recommends that the committee continue to attach the reports to the minutes. Vice-Chairperson Simaitis agrees and adds that all committee members and partners partake in sending in any updates relevant to the group.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
<b>Agenda/Logistics (December 2020)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Beatty will send out a poll for the next meeting date, agenda, and location of the next meeting.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
Provide updates.	Partner Representatives and committee members	Next Meeting
Develop agenda.	Mr. Nicastro & Ms. Beatty	November 2020
Issue meeting poll.	Ms. Beatty	November 2020
Send out agenda and handouts.	Ms. Beatty	Prior to Meeting
<b>Adjourn</b>		
Meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.	Joan Keiser, Chairperson	

Approved as Amended 12/1/2020

**GODAC Meeting: September 18, 2020**

**July 9, 2020 Meeting Minute Corrections**

1. Change “Chair” to “Chairperson” in the Called by section.
2. Under “Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval” make the following edits:
  - a. Add the following bullets after “Agenda approved as amended.”
    - “Gift of Life will give partner and High School Education program updates at the same time.
    - Lunch break set to a 20-minute recess.
    - “Review of corrections submitted to March 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes approved as corrected and replace “Co” with “Vice” in the Good of the Order Section.”
3. Under “Reporting of Officers/Committees” make the following edits:
  - a. Change “Chair” to “Chairperson” in Reporting of Officers/Committees section.
  - b. Delete “Corrections to previous meetings notes submitted and reviewed. Replace “Co” with “Vice” in the good of the order section. Minutes approved as corrected.” from the Chairperson Report.
  - c. Change and combine the last two sentences in the Secretarial report to read: A roll call vote resulted in approval of the FY21 budget with four voting in favor, one in opposition, and one abstaining.
  - d. Add to the Action Item list for the Reporting of Officers/Committee section the following “Present new graph information, Mr. Nicaastro, Next meeting”
4. Under “Partner Updates” make the following edits:
  - a. Change the last bullet of the “Saving Sight” partner update to read, “Saving Sight sold the property in Columbia, Mo, and base of operations is now in Kansas City.”
  - b. Add a bullet item to “Midwest Transplant Network (MTN)” partner update to read, “Midwest Transplant Network’s full report is Attachment 1.”
  - c. Add a bullet item to “Gift of Life (GOL)” partner update to read, “Gift of Life’s full report is Attachment 2.”
5. Under “Unfinished Business” make the following edits:
  - a. Change the third bullet under “High School Education Project Update” to read, “A “How to Manual” with step-by-step instructions on how to request to be on the school board agenda was developed, as well as content to present and follow up.
6. Under “New Business” make the following edits:
  - a. Under “Election of Officers” change “Chair” to “Chairperson” and “Vice-Chair” to “Vice-Chairperson” and delete “Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.”
  - b. Under “Bylaws Revision Second Read & Vote” change entire section to read:
    - “The second reading of the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 2 was presented. The Chairperson shall make available a minimum of one face-to-face meeting per year.”
    - “The Chairperson requested a roll call vote. Five voted yes, one abstained. Amendment adopted.”
  - c. Under “2020 Legislative Session Report,” delete “A brief description of each bill provided.”
  - d. Under “Action Items,” change “Chair” to “Chairperson.”
7. Under “Adjourn,” change “Chair” to “Chairperson.”