



Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee Minutes

June 14, 2018



Note taker(s): Debra Gholson

Attendees: Deb Simaitis, Virginia Beatty, Jim Pruitt, Sandy Hentges, Phil Duncan, Peter Nicastro, Shelly Wehmeyer, Kim Harbur, Jay Moore, Brett Rucker, Kenny Kovacs, Kevin Lee, Steve Cramer, Representative Steve Cookson, Laura Beckman, Joan Keiser, Gina Wisch
By Phone: Laurie Hines

Called by: Deb Simaitis, Chair

Called to order at: 10:09 am

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval

Ms. Simaitis gave the welcome and introductions. Agenda approved as amended moving “elections” to the first line item under New Business, and adding Ms. Simaitis’ meeting with Dr. Williams and the March 9th Emergency Meeting Situation Background Assessment Recommendation (SBAR) added under Old Business.

Approval of the March 5, 2018 meeting minutes given with the following corrections: on page one under Dashboard Update correct the word “Treasures” to “Treasurer’s;” page two under High School Education Project Update correct the word “is” to “that” in the first sentence.

Approval of the March 9, 2018 emergency meeting minutes, concerning the Board and Commissions Task Force and HB 2548, given with the following corrections and additions: on page one under Unfinished Business, second bullet, change “licenses” to “license;” page two change “Parsons” to “Parson.” Attach the final approved draft of the SBAR to the minutes for future reference.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline
Amend March 5, 2018 and March 9, 2018 minutes	Debra Gholson	June 20, 2018

Reporting of Officers/Committees

Chair Report

- Appointment Update – Ms. Volkart confirmed Harry Ratliff is no longer a member of the Committee and no longer listed under the GODAC information on the Governor’s Boards and Commissions website.

Dashboard & Financial Trend Updates

- Mr. Nicastro provided an overview of the reports. Mr. Nicastro commented on the increase in contributions. He commended the education efforts of the Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO’s) and the Department of Revenue (DOR). “Events with Partners” discussion was held and the Committee decided to add the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) conference to this category. OPOs should be adding events to the registry in order to track the “Enrollment Events” accurately. At the current enrollment rate, the expectation is that registry enrollment will reach three million consenting adults (18+) by the end of 2018. Mr. Nicastro reviewed the funds and expenses.

Secretarial Report

- Ms. Beatty made an announcement concerning the Donor Registry System. The program is currently working with Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) evaluating the possibility of a new, more efficient, and an improved system. The process is in the discovery phase. The Committee will receive updates.FY18 Finance Update – Ms. Beatty stated that the report includes expenses through April 2018. The final report will include May and June expenses. She reviewed the details of the report and referred the Committee to the notes on the back of the budget report.

- FY19 Budget Report – Ms. Beatty reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2019 and reminded the Committee of mid-year adjustments. Mr. Duncan made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Nicastro seconded the motion. All in favor, budget accepted.
- Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Beatty reminded the members to submit their activities for the annual report and strategic plan. Ms. Beatty explained that it is time to consider preparing a new plan and after much discussion, determined the plan is a useful tool. Ms. Simaitis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Niscatro, Ms. Harbur, and Ms. Danner volunteered to be on a subcommittee to prepare a new plan. Ms. Beatty will schedule a sub-committee conference call to begin the process. The budget allows for a facilitator, and Mr. Lee suggested the sub-committee consider Brenda Hatfield. Ms. Beatty will work to hire a facilitator.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline
Add HOSA to events on report	Peter Nicastro	Next meeting TBD
Dashboard and Fund Balance	Peter Nicastro	Next meeting TBD
FY18 & FY19 Budget Reports	Virginia Beatty	Next meeting TBD
Strategic Plan sub-committee call	Virginia & Peter	
Hire a facilitator	Virginia Beatty	Prior to first subcommittee meeting

Unfinished Business

High School Education Project Update

- Ms. Harbur updated the members on the project. State legislature passed HB 2129 that allows a 30-minute presentation to Missouri school boards. The school boards decide on whether to add donation education to the curriculum and to which classroom. Gift of Life (GOL) presents to students upon request from the schools. Discussion included quality videos. Ms. Harbur stated that a quality video cost a minimum of \$2,000 a minute, a 30-minute video cost about \$60,000. VML Media Company donated website development; the website will host the education program and materials. Rep. Cookson suggested a school board education video, noted HB 2129 remains unsigned to date, and he will contact Gov. Parson’s assistant to arrange for GODAC members to be present for the bill signing.

Capitol Day & Donor Family Recognition

- Ms. Simaitis updated the members on the 2019 event, April 9. The first Floor Rotunda is reserved and she gave Ms. Volkart the permit. She thanked the OPOs for the generous donations making the 2018 event possible. Ms. Volkart reported that the day was very successful with 133 people in attendance, representing 41 donors. The DVD of photos is under development and individual family members requesting a copy will receive it in the mail. The 2019 planning committee will meet soon. Mr. Lee commented on the economic stress for some families wanting to attend. Mr. Lee said MAT has gas cards that he will make available statewide upon request. Ms. Simaitis suggested discontinuing the globe while construction is ongoing at the Capitol; members agreed.

Sharp Media Group Data Report

- Mr. Lee reported on the pilot project in Springfield, Mo. Between December 2017 and April 2018, three of the six offices in the pilot project remain flat in their registrations. The other three saw a small increase; Nixa 58.2% to 62.6%, Ozark 57.1% to 61.9%, and Glenstone 56% to 58%. Mr. Lee said his agency is evaluating the project to determine the return on investment and if the program is worth continuing.

GODAC Training

- Ms. Volkart reported that in July the program will look at a potential redesign of the training.

Keep Hope Alive

- Ms. Simaitis has not heard from Boone County. Ms. Simaitis suggested that the members take opportunities to talk to their local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and first responders about Keep Hope Alive and the benefits and encourage them to participate.

Missouri State Fair 2018

- Mr. Duncan did not have anything to report at this time. Ms. Volkart reported on the information she obtained concerning a booth at the fair. The area in MizzouCentral is not available and the Mathewson Exhibition Center staffing requirements is problematic. Rep. Cookson said he would talk to his contacts to work on getting a booth in MizzouCentral. Ms. Volkart reported on Public Service Announcement opportunities. Rep. Cookson suggested signs or such for the MoDOT gardens. He will discuss the possibility with his contact.

GODAC Brochure

- Ms. Simaitis reiterated the decision to keep the brochure on the agenda.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline
High School Ed. Sub-Committee Meeting	Kim Harbur	June 26
Capitol Day Reserve Rotunda & Alcove Reservations	Deb Simaitis	Fall 2018
Donor Family Sub-Committee call	Valerie Volkart	Fall 2018
Contact State Fair about booth and MoDOT garden signs	Rep. Steve Cookson	

New Business

Legislative Reports

- Ms. Simaitis discussed the emergency meeting held on March 9, 2018. Mr. Nicastro created the SBAR expressing the concerns of the committee. Ms. Simaitis discussed her meeting with Dr. Williams and Mr. Bogle concerning HB 2548. Ms. Simaitis reported that she gave testimony in opposition to the bill in front of the House Committee as a donor mom. The SBAR will remain on the agenda for future meeting discussions. Mr. Lee commented that there is a need to keep the Legislative updates on the agenda. Ms. Hentges reviewed the status of each house bill. A discussion was held concerning SCR 28, calling on the Chinese Government to end the practice of organ harvesting from prisoners held. Committee also discussed high-risk donation, such as drug overdose. Mr. Lee stated that with current medications this does not rule out these transplants anymore.

Annual Bylaw Review

- Review of bylaws by sub-committee suggested by Ms. Simaitis. A vote of the full committee of changes will be at the next meeting. Mr. Nicastro volunteered to chair the sub-committee and will have the same volunteers as the Strategic Plan committee.

Election of Officers

- Ms. Simaitis commented on her time as Chair and stated that she will not reapply for the committee. Ms. Simaitis opened the floor for nominations. Rep. Cookson nominated Joan Keiser for Chair. Ms. Keiser accepted the nomination. Vote by the committee as follows; Deb Simaitis, Peter Nicastro, Phil Duncan, Rep. Steve Cookson, voted “yes,” Ms. Keiser will assume the Chair position following this meeting. Phil Duncan nominated Deb Simaitis for Vice-Chair. Ms. Simaitis accepted the nomination. Vote by the committee as follows; Peter Nicastro, Phil Duncan, Rep. Steve Cookson, Joan Keiser, voted “yes;” Ms. Simaitis will transition to the Vice-Chair position following this meeting.

Enrollments-Department of Conservation

- Mr. Lee reported on the one-year agreement with the Department of Conservation to include Organ and Tissue Donation in their hunting/fishing license confirmation email.

National Registry

- Mr. Lee stated that a national registry link would be a good idea for all states. The national registry requires only the last four digits of the person’s social security number; preferred by potential donors. Ms. Beatty asked if the public knows if they are registering in the national vs. the state registry. If not, should the program provide Missourians information about both registries? Mr. Lee suggested discussing the topic at the strategic planning meetings.

Team Missouri

- Mr. Lee reported that Donate Life asks the state teams to do one event per year. The Missouri Team chose giving appreciation awards to the high performing license offices, and is considering a dinner and awards banquet. The Missouri Team is staff from Midwest Transplant Network and Mid-America Transplant.

Action Items:

Send Joan Keiser the Chair information
Bylaws to be reviewed by sub-committee

Person Responsible:

Deb Simaitis
Virginia & Peter

Deadline

Partner Updates

Midwest Transplant Network Update (MTN)

- No report.

Saving Sight/Team Missouri Update

- Kenny Kovacs reported that there were 3,000 donors in FY18. A person that is registered has a higher rate of donation than those that are not in the registry when the family is approached. There is a 90% donor rate when registered compared to a 43% rate when not registered. Mr. Kovacs' department is moving to Kansas City with the exception of a few that will remain in Columbia.

Mid-America Transplant Update

- Mr. Lee updated on MAT and the increase in donors. MAT will be competing in the Transplant Games in Salt Lake City, UT August 3-8. The St. Louis Cardinal Game on July 1, 2018 is Transplant Awareness Day. Mr. Lee commented on hepatitis C positive donors and the use of medications to make it possible for transplant to recipients that are negative for hepatitis C.

Missouri Kidney Program

- The organization is pursuing on-line education and exploring the first Chronic Kidney Disease Echocardiography (CKD ECHO) in the nation. Heartland Regional Kidney Network is planning a Renal Social Worker Conference in the spring.

Gift of Life Update

- Kim Harbur stated outreach data available soon. Golf for Life Tournament sold out this year. University of Kansas Medical Center and GOL are collaborating and researching how the mentoring programs supports individuals waiting for a transplant and their families.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Ms. Wehmeyer announced that DESE has an "Acting" State Board of Education Director. HOSA went very well and thanked all who attended and volunteered. DESE will be making a few changes to make HOSA better. The national HOSA conference is in Dallas. Rep. Cookson stated that the School Administrator Conference is August 21 and a booth will be available for DESE to hand out information to the School Administrators about the high school organ donation education program. Mr. Lee suggested the "LifeSavers" packet. Rep. Cookson also mentioned the Missouri School Board Association meeting in September. Ms. Simaitis announced the 2019 Missouri HOSA conference is March 25-26.

Department of Revenue

- Gina Wisch expects the "Real ID" legislation will increase traffic in the license offices, which may increase registration and donations to the fund. License office equipment replacement over the next two years will occur to accommodate the Real ID act. DOR is sending reminders to the license offices about asking the organ donation questions.

Next Meeting

Agenda/Logistics

Draft and review September agenda
Send out poll to determine next meeting

Virginia Beatty and Joan Keiser
Virginia Beatty

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Deb Simaitis, Chair