



The Committee (194.300 RSMo)

The Committee’s purpose is to recommend expenditure priorities from the Organ Donor Program Fund; assist in the development of organ donor awareness programs to educate the public about the importance of organ donation; and submit the annual report of activities and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and the Director of DHSS (194.297, 194.299, and 194.302 RSMo.)

The Committee is committed to:

- Supporting the DHSS in maintaining an effective and efficient donor registry,
 - Encouraging partnership and collaborating in efforts to provide educational activities at the local and regional levels,
 - Reviewing and recommending to the DHSS actions needed to increase donor awareness while maximizing the Organ Donor Program Fund limited resources, and
 - Encouraging fund donations to support educational efforts and registry maintenance and enhancements.
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<<Name>>

Chairperson

Term: <<insert date>> or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Deb Simaitis

Vice Chairperson

Donor/Recipient/Family Representative

Term: 1.26.2011-1.1.2015 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Mrs. Simaitis is a donor mom. She served as Chairperson from 2014-2018.



Virginia Beatty

Secretary, Department of Health and Senior Services

Term: 2.16.2011-1.1.2015 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Ms. Beatty manages the Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program and oversees the state's first-person consent registry known as the Donate Life Missouri registry or Donor Registry System. She has been with the Department since 1988 and serving on the committee since 2006.



Phil Duncan

Donor/Recipient/Family Representative

Term: 2.16.2011-9.4.2013 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Mr. Duncan is a heart recipient and is a retired lineman from Kansas City Power and Light. Mr. Duncan also retired from the Missouri Army National Guard and served two terms as Belton Missouri's Mayor.



Peter Nicastro

Donor/Recipient/Family Representative

Term: 3.31.2011-1.1.2015 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Mr. Nicastro is a lung and kidney recipient and finance director for Express Scripts. He has been a member of the committee since 2006 and served as Chairperson from 2010-2014.



Mary Ann Burns

Donor/Recipient/Family Representative

Term: 8.24.2021-8.23.2026 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Ms. Burns is a donor family member and retired educator. Her career includes being a teacher, principal, director of school improvement initiatives with DESE, and director of South Central Regional Professional Development Center.



Jan Finn

Procurement Agency Representative

Term: 3.21.2012-1.1.2015 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Ms. Finn is CEO for Midwest Transplant Network and has a service area that includes approximately two-thirds of Missouri's counties. Ms. Finn has been a member since 1999 and was the Chief Operations Officer prior to becoming the CEO. She has served on numerous boards focused on improving donation and transplantation results.



Kenny Kovacs

Procurement Agency Representative

Term: 8.24.2021-8.23.2026 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Mr. Kovacs is the Director of Donor Services for Saving Sight. He has worked in the transplant community for ten years. The service area includes all Missouri, Kansas, and a few counties in central Illinois.



Lori Kramer Clark

Procurement Agency Representative

Term: 8.24.2021-8.23.2026 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Ms. Clark is the Director of Columbia Operations for Midwest Transplant Network's Columbia Missouri office. During her 15+ years of servicing the transplant community, she has held prior specialty roles as Organ Procurement, Hospital Services, and Family Services Coordinator, bringing her vast scope of donation expertise to the committee.



Kevin Lee

Procurement Agency Representative

Term: 8.24.2021-8.23.2026 or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

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Mr. Lee serves as the Chief Organ Operations Officer and Executive Director, Foundation at Mid-America Transplant. Mid-America Transplant is the organ procurement organization (OPO) serving 51 counties in eastern and southern Missouri. He has served at Mid-America Transplant since 2015.



**Vacant
Hospital Representative**

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