



Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee Minutes

DATE: 07-09-2020 | WebEx Meeting



Note taker (s): Benjamin Pringer
Attendees: Virginia Beatty, Ben Pringer, Rachel Allen, Deb Simaitis, Jan Finn, Joan Keiser, Peter Nicastro, Phil Duncan, Gina Wisch, Laurie Hines, Kenny Kovacs, Kim Harbur, Nicole Kellen
Called by: Joan Keiser, Chairperson
Called to order at: 10:48 am

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval and Minute Approval

Ms. Keiser called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. Ms. Beatty completed roll call, introduced Mr. Pringer and welcomed him to his first meeting, and requested on behalf of Kim Harbur to give the update for Gift of Life as well as the High School Education program update all at once. Mrs. Keiser asked for group opinions on whether to break for lunch or to keep working through. Group determined a 20-minute recess for lunch. 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.

- Replace “Co” with “Vice” in the Good of the Order section.

Reporting of Officers/Committees

Chairperson Report

- Appointment Update: Mrs. Keiser requested that those with interest in staying on with the committee or requesting to join the board please call their senators.

Dashboard and Financial Trend Updates

- Mr. Nicastro reported on the recent growth in revenue over the past two months.
- Mr. Nicastro reported on the Dashboard.
 - Consent trend is up.
 - Social media data not available. Nicole Kellen will be following up with her team to gather the social media data that Mr. Nicastro needs.
 - Discussion about collecting data to measure if high-school education is having any significant impact on registration and donation. Nicole Kellen proposed the idea of breaking out the information into a new graph to track the consent trend of the under 18 years of age registrants. Kim Harbur supported this idea. Mr. Nicastro and Ms. Beatty will meet about available data in order to set up the new graph.

Secretarial Report

- **FY20 Fiscal Report**
 - Revenue exceeded projections until April and then drastically dropped due to the closure of License Offices, unemployment rates rising, and public uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Ms. Beatty reported a slight savings in payroll due to vacancies part of the year, and staff assisting in COVID-19 operations.
 - The My Transplant Ready Workbook is at state printing and a FY21 budget expense.
- **FY21 Fiscal Report**
 - Because of the uncertainties due to the pandemic, there was a 20% reduction in projected revenue for Annual Report, Donor Family Recognition, Printed Publications, Training (staff), and Registry Modifications (PAQ Process).
 - Total revenue projected for FY21 on all sources is \$243,046.
 - The annual report for FY20 will be in electronic form only in order to save on printing and mailing costs.
 - Ms. Beatty explained that some budget line items are at \$0, so that if funds became available, the program has the option to allocate funds to those line items.
- Ms. Beatty opened the floor for questions. No questions. Ms. Beatty moved the Committee adopt the FY21 budget as presented. During discussion, Mr. Nicastro raised the question on whether or not it would be possible for the Missouri Kidney Program to assist with annual report printing costs. Multiple members were not in favor. A roll call vote resulted in approval of the FY21 budget with four voting in favor, one in opposition, and one abstaining.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Gather data for social media dashboard	Nicole Kellen	Next Meeting
Pull/graph consumer trend data for registrants under 18 years of age	Ms. Beatty and Mr. Nicastro	Next Meeting
Present new graph information	Mr. Nicastro	Next Meeting
Partner Updates		
Department of Revenue (DOR)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue is currently down due to social distancing and COVID-19 precautions. DOR will be opening three temporary DMV sites in August and they will remain open through December, as of right now. This measure will assist with catching up on the daily DMV business due to license office closures earlier this year. Implemented a new card design/mailer for upcoming registration renewals. The first batch mailed on June 23. Extension of Real ID provision to October 2021 due to pandemic related shutdowns. 		
Department of Secondary and Elementary Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department's liaison was unable to access the meeting. No report. 		
Saving Sight		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All transplants were cancelled in the months of March and April. Volume of transplants has been steadily increasing since May. Working more remotely than ever before due to hospital restrictions. Saving Sight sold the property in Columbia, MO, and base of operations is now in Kansas City. 		
Mid-America Transplant/Team Missouri (MAT)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business for MAT continues without interruption and transplants are up as much as seven percent. If the trend continues, they will see an increase on their 2019 year. Liver education and allocation has improved to 14 so far this year, whereas last year at this time they were only at three. Transplanted two DCD hearts in June, a first for MAT. 		
Midwest Transplant Network (MTN)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTN reported an increased number of donors but not of actual transplants. Tissue donation is down, so they will not be able to meet their goals on this due to difficulty faced from COVID-19. They saw a 35% drop in transplants in April. Sponsored a virtual walk that was a huge success due to the fact that so many more people were able to participate and attend. Midwest Transplant Network's full report is Attachment 1. 		
Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoKP is excited to announce the completion of the workbook that will be available in PDF format as well as hard copy prints. Currently there is a struggle with pharmaceutical companies and the state in regards to post transplant medications and their affordability. 		
Gift of Life (GOL)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is in the works that we are contacting the 250 transplant hospitals nationwide to offer the Transplant Mentors program free of charge. To date, 20 hospitals agreed to refer patients to the program. The annual fundraiser was cancelled due to the pandemic and has caused a \$90,000 deficit in their budget. To combat this issue, implementing a virtual, four-week, fundraiser called Gift to Live. The community is accepting of this campaign. It is doing well and GOL is projecting the virtual event should bring in enough revenue to exceed the deficit. Postposed the 2020 Life Savers Rally until fall of 2021. Gift of Life's full report is Attachment 2. 		
Department of Conservation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department's liaison was unable to attend the meeting. No report. 		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Provide updates.	Partner Representatives	Next Meeting
Dismissed for a short recess at 12:16 pm and reconvened at 12:43		
Unfinished Business		

High School Education Project Update

- The Learn Life Savers Program is up 63% in users right now and because of this increase, they have decided to add a community service component to the program.
- The work group team to begin presenting to school boards next month. Each area will present to three districts before November 1.
- 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.
- Educators for the high school programs are adapting and going virtual this fall by working on creating zoom presentations to offer. Schools are responding positively and we are excited to see what comes from it.
- Education staff originally on track to complete 599 classroom presentations this year. However, with school closures staff reached 502.

2020 Donor Family Recognition Update

- The DFR Day changed to a virtual recognition program after cancelling the face-to-face program due to pandemic location access restriction, group size limitations, and concerns for health.
- There were 40 packages mailed out in June to the families who had planned on attending the actual event. The packets contained:
 - a redbud tree seeding gifted by the Missouri Department of Conservation,
 - wildflower seed packets from Walmart in Sedalia and Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co in Mansfield,
 - a donor family pin from Deb and San Simaitis,
 - a copy of the 2020 proclamation signed by Governor Parson,
 - a certificate of gift with their loved one’s name, and
 - a letter containing a link to a video presentation.

Department of Conservation Invitation

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

New Business

Election of Officers

- Mrs. Keiser brought up the matter of electing a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as discussed at the previous meeting.
- Mrs. Simaitis nominated Joan Keiser as Chairperson. Mrs. Keiser graciously declined as she will be retiring at the end of 2020 and will no longer qualify as a hospital representative.
- Mrs. Finn nominated Peter Nicastro for Chairperson. Mr. Nicastro declined stating a difference in opinion on ideals surrounding the committee.
- Mr. Nicastro moved to postpone the election of officers until the next meeting. A vote by roll call taken. Five approved, one abstained. Motion carried.

Bylaws Revision Second Read & Vote

- 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.

2020 Legislative Session Report

- Ms. Beatty gave the report in the absence of Mr. Jim Pruitt.
 - Senate Bill 551 passed.
 - House Bill 1682 passed.

COVID-19 Impact – Organ and Tissue Procurement Agencies/Organizations

- Mid-America Transplant reports doing many more phone conversations and face time meetings as they try to work around the safety restrictions put in place to defend against COVID-19 virus. Recent spikes in Missouri cases led to delays in moving back into an office setting. They have been partnering with DMVs when possible to help reach out to Missouri citizens but also help the workers on the front line who are an extension of their call to action. They have provided partitions to help support the health and safety of those working the DMVs in exchange for being able to display a decal on the partitions asking people to join the registry and save a life. Forty-six partitions donated to date. Because of a lack of in house registry events volunteers have been visiting local DMVs to provide water to those waiting in longer lines due to social distancing. They have 12 visits planned so far for the month of July. Along with bottled water, they are handing out info cards with a donor story on one side and a facts list on the other. They plan to continue these efforts through August.

- Midwest Transplant Network reports they had been staying out of hospitals due to all the COVID-19 restrictions, and after contacting hospital staff about returning, they learned that hospitals expected them to continue their work the same as before with no new restrictions on entering hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Impact – Transplantation

- Saving Sight reported that they have seen higher authorization rates from family’s wanting to donate lately. They are also noticing an upward spike in domestic transplants now that the initial wave of concern over the pandemic has passed.

COVID-19 Impact – Other

- MOKP reported that they are currently working on helping patients who are positive for COVID-19 get transport to and from dialysis appointments.
- Ms. Beatty commented on the preparedness of the Department of Health and Senior Service thanks to the COOP Plan that the department already had in place. Staff added a message to the website to inform the public of possibly delays in processing of removals and enrollments due to the current circumstances. Many people in the department are also playing an active role in supporting Missouri by volunteering to help with a number of COVID response procedures. The program and department will continue to monitor revenues as the waves of COVID-19 impacts continue.

Donate Life America Fresenius Medical Care Foundation’s National, Universal Living Donor Kidney Registry

- No comments provided.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Prepare for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Nomination and Vote	Members	Vote at September meeting

Good of the Order

Closing Comments/Thoughts

- Mrs. Keiser pointed the group’s attention to all the love everyone has been showing to other in this time as we all work collectively to get back to a sense of normal. This pandemic remains to be a struggle for many people but the blessing in this is that it has really made us look at ourselves. It is her hopes that if there is to be any good that comes from these struggles it will be that people take the time to slow down and refocus. This is a time to cherish family and community and to remember that people need people. We must all look out for one another.

Next Meeting

Agenda/Logistics (September 2020)

- Virginia will send out dates, agenda, and location for the next meeting.
- Plan to meet face to face in Jefferson City, MO for the members that would like to as well as have another virtual option available for those that do not.

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

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm	Joan Keiser, Chairperson
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Approved as Amended 9.18.2020