Biannual Report to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Organ and Tissue Donation Advisory Committee

2020-2022
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Introduction

Act 102 of 1994 established the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund (Trust Fund), Organ Donation Advisory Committee (ODAC) and Pennsylvania’s Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Program (OTDA). In October 2018, Act 90 was signed into law. With the changes that resulted from the passage of Act 90, Pennsylvania’s Anatomical Gift Law received significant updates.

Pursuant to Section 8622 (c.1)(5), the advisory committee shall submit a report concerning the advisory committee’s activities and progress to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives by October 31 of each even-numbered year. A final written report under this section shall be adopted at a public meeting.

The attached report was reviewed and adopted at the Organ Donation Advisory Committee meeting held on August 4, 2022. For questions regarding this report, please contact the Department of Health, Office of Legislative Affairs.
The Organ Donation Advisory Committee has the following roles:

- Advises the Secretary of Health on matters relating to the administration of the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Awareness Trust Fund;
- Reviews progress in the area of organ and tissue donation in the commonwealth;
- Recommends education and awareness training programs;
- Recommends priorities in expenditures from the fund;
- Recommends legislation as it deems necessary to fulfill the statutory chapter on anatomical gifts; and
- Submits progress report to the General Assembly.

Following are the activities and progress of the committee for the period of 2020-2022:

- Collaborated with the organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and Department of Health on Act 11 of 2021 establishing living donor protection act informational material
- Addressing funding concerns by exploring creative funding options via partnerships and grant opportunities
- Exploring mechanisms to increase donor designation rates including:
  - Partnerships with pharmacies and other community level providers
  - Better engagement of potential donors on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) website
  - Organ donation tabling events at high volume/low donor DMV locations
  - Projects with colleges and universities
- Promoting significant organ donation events such as:
  - Donate Life Month
  - Blue and Green Day
  - PA Donor Day (January 8th)
  - National Donor Day
  - The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA (HAP) Donate Life Hospital Challenge
  - National Minority Donor Awareness Day and Month
- Making recommendations to PennDOT for system changes that allow donor designation even when an applicant is renewing electronically.
- Making recommendations to PennDOT and the Department of Health on website edits.
- Reviewing funding of projects such as the education and awareness project administered by Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the statewide media campaign.
  - PDE, through a subcontract, administers the organ and tissue donation awareness (OTDA) project which seeks to help secondary students consider critical issues that surround organ and tissue donation. Teens can then make an informed decision about donor designation when obtaining a driver’s license.
  - The OTDA program also provides educational opportunities for students and educators and provides mini grants to schools to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation by integrating organ, eye, and tissue donation topics across the school curriculum. On average, 12 mini grants are awarded annually.
- Reviewing and offering suggested edits to the Department of Health budget documents.
• Continuing to develop and promote relationships with partners, such as Pennie, PA’s official health and dental insurance coverage marketplace and HuntFishPA (the joint licensing service for the PA Game Commission and the PA Fish & Boat Commission).
• Grief Counseling workgroup: as the Department of Health sought to expand provider participation in the Grief Counseling Program, advisory committee members as well as OPO program staff served as collaborators and subject matter experts to guide the process.
• Additionally, the committee developed and adopted a new vision statement. The vision statement is: “Pennsylvania, where organ and tissue donation meets organ and tissue need, and no one dies or suffers awaiting a transplant.”

As of March 31, 2022, the donor designation share (DDS) in Pennsylvania was 49.63 percent. By way of comparison, the designation rate in 2021 was 49.70 percent and the rate in 2020 was 49.54 percent. DDS represents the percentage of Pennsylvanians who have a driver’s license or an identification card through PennDOT and are registered as an organ donor.

The following information is provided to illustrate the impact organ donation has on saving or transforming the life of the transplant recipient:

### Deceased Donors Recovered by Pa. OPOs July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

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Meeting agendas are provided as an appendix to this report.
Appendix

Meeting agendas for the following dates are attached after the appendix page:

- Aug. 6, 2020
- Nov. 5, 2020
- Feb. 4, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- Aug. 5, 2021
- Nov. 4, 2021
- Feb. 3, 2022
- May 5, 2022
- Aug. 4, 2022
ORGANDONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, August 6, 2020
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Skype Conference Call

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Introduction to New Bureau Director
10:05
Kelly Holland

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:10
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:15
Lisa Battat

Update on COVID-19 Related to Organ Donation
10:20
OPOs

Act 90 Implementation
10:50
DOH/OPOs

Adoption of Biannual Report
11:00
DOH/ODAC

Marketing and Communications Update/Year 3 Plan
11:15
Tierney

Trust Fund Budget
12:15
Amy Flaherty

Updates
12:30
Karen Herr
– Education
– Hospital Challenge
– Health
  – 21/22 Budget
  – ODAC Bylaws
– PennDOT
  Diego Sandino

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
12:45
Lisa Battat

Next Meeting
1 – Thursday, November 5, 2020
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, November 5, 2020
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Skype Conference Call
Call-in number: 1 (267) 332-8737
Conference ID: 840024143

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Grief Counseling Discussion
10:15
Lara Moretti

Updates
10:45
➢ Education
  Karen Herr
➢ Hospital Challenge
  Mary Marshall
➢ Health
  ▪ Act 90 Implementation
  ▪ Trust Fund Budget
  Amy Flaherty
➢ PennDOT
  Diego Sandino

Continuing Education Modules per Act 90
11:15
Christie Ryan and Gwen O'Shaughnessy

BREAK
11:45

Update on COVID-19 Related to Organ Donation
12:00
OPOs

Marketing and Communications Update
12:30
Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
1:30
Lisa Battat

Next Meeting
- Thursday, February 4, 2021 (virtual)
- Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Thursday, November 4, 2021
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, February 4, 2021
10:00 am–1:30 pm
Skype Meeting
Phone number: (267) 332-8737
Conference ID: 93985146

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15
➢ Education
  Karen Herr
➢ Hospital Challenge
  Mary Marshall
➢ PennDOT
  Diego Sandino
➢ Health
  ▪ Bylaws update
  Amy Flaherty

Budget Discussion
10:45
DOH

BREAK
11:15

Marketing and Communications Update
11:30
Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
12:45
Lisa Battat

Next Meeting
  – Thursday, May 6, 2021
  – Thursday, August 5, 2021
  – Thursday, November 4, 2021
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, May 6, 2021
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 923 749896

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15
- Education
  Karen Herr
- Hospital Challenge
  Mary Marshall
- PennDOT
  Diego Sandino
- Health
  Amy Flaherty

Vision Statement Revision
10:45
Discussion

Budget
11:15
DOH

BREAK
11:45

Marketing and Communications Update
12:00
Tierney

Legislative Updates
1:00
Lisa Battat

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
1:30
Lisa Battat

Next Meeting
- Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Thursday, November 4, 2021
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, August 5, 2021
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 737 204 133#

Introductions and Welcome
10:00 Lisa Battat

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05 Antaunette Wallen

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10 Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15
- PennDOT Diego Sandino
- Education Karen Herr
- Hospital Challenge Antaunette Wallen
- Health Antaunette Wallen
- Grief Counseling Lisa Battat

Guest Speaker
10:45 Donate Life America Hilary Czarda or David Fleming

Funeral Benefit Compensation (Discussion)
11:20 Lisa Battat

BREAK
11:50

Marketing and Communications Update
12:00 Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
1:30 Lisa Battat

Next Meeting(s)
- Thursday, November 4, 2021
- Thursday, February 3, 2022
Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Attendance and Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15

➢ PennDOT
   Diego Sandino
➢ Education
   John Kashatus
➢ Hospital Challenge
   Antaunette Wallen
➢ Health
   Amy Flaherty
➢ Grief Counseling
   Lisa Battat
➢ Funeral Benefits
   Amy Flaherty

BREAK
11:45

Marketing and Communications Update
12:00
Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Updates/Next Steps
1:00
Lisa Battat

   o PA Coroner’s Association update
   o Revised Vision Statement Status
   o Proposed LBFC Draft Response

Proposed Calendar Year 2022 ODAC Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, February 3, 2022
- Thursday, May 5, 2022
- Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, February 3, 2022
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 737 204133#

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Attendance and Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15
- PennDOT
  Diego Sandino
- Education
  Karen Herr
- Hospital Challenge
  Antaunette Wallen
- Health
  Amy Flaherty
- Grief Counseling
  Lisa Battat

Presentation: History of the PA Organ Donor Program
11:15
Howard Nathan

BREAK
12:15

Marketing and Communications Update
12:20
Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Updates/Next Steps
1:00
Lisa Battat

- Vision Statement Status
- Proposed LBFC Draft Response

Meeting Adjourned
1:30

Remaining Calendar Year 2022 ODAC Meeting Dates:
- Thursday, May 5, 2022
- Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022
ORGANDONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, May 5, 2022
9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 923 749 896

Introductions and Welcome
Lisa Battat
9:00

Conflict of Interest Statement
Amy Flaherty
9:05

Review and Adoption of Minutes
Lisa Battat
9:10

Updates
Karen Herr
9:15
➢ Education
➢ Hospital Challenge
➢ PennDOT
➢ Health and Budget
Antaunette Wallen
Diego Sandino
Amy Flaherty

History: Organ Donor Advisory Committee (ODAC)
Howard Nathan
10:00

Break
11:00

Marketing and Communications Update
Tierney
11:15

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
Lisa Battat
12:15

Meeting Adjournment
Lisa Battat
12:30

Next Meetings
– Thursday, August 4, 2022
– Thursday, November 3, 2022
ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, August 4, 2022
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Phone number: 267-332-8737
Conference ID: 923 749896

Introductions and Welcome
10:00
Lisa Battat

Conflict of Interest Statement
10:05
Amy Flaherty

Review and Adoption of Minutes
10:10
Lisa Battat

Updates
10:15
➢ PennDOT
Diego Sandino
➢ Hospital Challenge
Antaunette Wallen
➢ Education
Karen Herr
➢ Health and Budget
Amy Flaherty

Adopt Revised Bylaws Discussion
11:15
Amy Flaherty

Biannual Legislative Report
11:25
Amy Flaherty

Special Presentation: An Update on the Efforts of the National Kidney Foundation
11:35
Marielle Van Thuyne, Kenny Justice, Bob Wright

Break
12:20

Marketing and Communications Update
12:30
Tierney

Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps
Discuss in-person meeting in November
1:15
Lisa Battat

Meeting Adjournment
1:30
Lisa Battat

Next Meeting
– Thursday, November 3, 2022