

Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Organ Expert Committee

Conference Call Notes

Date: Monday, December 7, 2009 at 2:00 EDT

Chair: Dr. Peter Nickerson

Participants: Dr. Stephen Beed
Dr. David Grant
Dr. Greg Knoll
Dr. Robert Levy
Ms. Raylene Matlock

Mr. Scott McIntaggart
Ms. Deanna Paulson
Dr. Sam Shemie
Ms. Kimberly Young

Regrets: Dr. Ian Alwayn
Dr. Tom Blydt-Hansen
Dr. Michel Carrier
Dr. Noel Gibney
Dr. Greg Grant
Dr. Debra Issac
Dr. Anthony Jevnikar

Dr. Shaf Keshavjee
Dr. Norman Kneteman
Dr. Adeera Levin
Dr. Frank Markel
Dr. Joe Pagliarello
Dr. John Tallon

Observers: Ms. Sophie de Villers, VP, Strategy Management, Canadian Blood Services
Ms. Sylvia Torrance, Director, Business Initiatives, Canadian Blood Services

Welcome

Peter welcomed participants to the conference call.

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting were approved. Peter indicated that the minutes would be used as the basis for discussions with the broader organ community. He encouraged Committee members to discuss the possible solutions and options with their colleagues, and bring back any feedback to the next Committee meeting. He also informed the group that he had met with the Canadian Cardiac Transplant Network in November, and that they had sent a letter with their thoughts on system design. This letter will be provided to Committee members and discussed at the next meeting.

Greg Knoll indicated that the approved minutes would be circulated to members of CST. Peter noted that he would also ask Joe Pagliarello to circulate the minutes to members of the Canadian Critical Care Society.

Update on Public Dialogues:

Sophie provided an update on the public dialogues held in London and Vancouver. The sessions focused on system principles and discussions on how participants could move to action. She indicated that feedback and evaluation forms have been overwhelmingly positive – people participating feel they had a worthwhile experience, and partners (OPOs, Kidney Foundation, etc) were very supportive. Ideas and opinions contributed were very valuable. However, attendance was lower than expected (30 – 40 people per session). Canadian Blood Services is evaluating the process to see if there are adjustments that can be made to increase participation.

Further discussions on the feedback and outcomes from the sessions will take place at the Committee meeting in January. The next public dialogue will be held in Edmonton on January 16, 2010.

Update on Expert Stakeholder Consultations:

Kim provided an update on plans for consultation with the OTDT expert community. The purpose of this strategy is to engage experts, beyond the OTDT Committees, in discussions to contribute input to National System Design and lay the groundwork for continued bi-directional dialogue as the national plan moves forward. Meetings have been arranged for Saskatchewan for December 10 and 11, 2009, and planning is underway for other areas of the country.

Canadian Blood Services will work with Committee members in planning meetings in their areas. Feedback from expert groups will be brought back to the Committee meetings.

Update on International Conference Calls:

Kim informed the group that conference calls are in the process of being finalized. Details for the calls will be provided through e-mail. All members from all Committees are being encouraged to attend the calls. For those unable to make to calls, a video will be available. It was noted that these videos would be restricted to Committee members, and would not be made public, in order to allow speakers to speak freely about challenges and issues within their systems.

Review of Agenda for January Meeting:

Peter outlined the agenda for the upcoming January meeting:

- Updates on any expert consultations that have taken place
- Mechanisms of registering intent/consent and their effectiveness
- Continuing the discussions on allocation principles
- Starting to fit solutions into a system design
- Overview on current costing data of the organ system

Peter thanked members for attending and concluded the meeting.