

## Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Organ Expert Committee

### Conference Call Notes

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 2:00 EDT

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**Chair:** Dr. Peter Nickerson

**Participants:** Dr. Ian Alwayn  
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Dr. Noel Gibney  
Dr. David Grant  
Dr. Debra Issac  
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Dr. Greg Knoll  
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Dr. Greg Grant  
Dr. Norman Kneteman  
Dr. Robert Levy  
Dr. John Tallon

**Observers:** Ms. Sophie de Villers, VP, Strategy Management, Canadian Blood Services  
Ms. Kimberly Young, Executive Director, Organs and Tissues, Canadian Blood Services  
Ms. Lorna Tessier, Director, Public Relations, Canadian Blood Services  
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### Welcome

- Peter welcomed OEC members to the call. The purpose was to discuss the agenda for the upcoming meeting and to provide an update on OTDT activities occurring in the fall.
- Peter also gave the committee members notice of an upcoming legal case involving Canadian Blood Services. Canadian Blood Services is a defendant in a Human Rights complaint regarding MSM (men who have had sex with men) deferrals. This case is expected to attract significant media attention and may raise questions related to OTDT donor deferrals. The trial will start on September 22, 2009.

### Process Review

- The Committee is entering into the second phase of the strategic plan, i.e. establishing strategic direction. To that end, at the upcoming meeting, the expert committee members would be discussing key topics and developing options for resolving major problems identified through the case for change document.

- The process will move systematically from the development of basic system principles, to process principles, governance principles, which then will lead to identification of roles and responsibilities within the system.
- Timelines for fall activities were reviewed.

### **Draft Meeting Agenda**

- The proposed meeting agenda for October was reviewed. Peter reminded the group that the meeting time would be extended (8:00 – 6:00) to ensure that there was sufficient time to fully discuss agenda items. It was recognized that some people may have to leave earlier.
- At their meeting, the Steering Committee will be developing principles fundamental for a Canadian OTDT system. These will be presented to the OEC.
- The Committee will then spend the day discussing topics related to donation and transplantation. There will be breakout groups and members will be able to self-select which group they would like to join; however, everyone will have an opportunity to provide opinions on all topics.
- The Committee will then discuss principles related to allocation. In response to a question, Peter clarified that the system design process would look at principles and processes, but would not develop specific organ allocation algorithms.

### **Background Documents**

- Background documents for the meeting will be sent at least two weeks before the meeting.
- Documents will also be available on the Canadian Blood Services website (Organ&Tissue/Members Only section)
- Peter requested members to bring their documents to the meeting with them, if possible. Alternatively, they can e-mail Canadian Blood Services to have copies available for them at the meeting.

### **Upcoming OTDT Activities**

- Peter provided a brief update on the International Speakers Series, the Public Dialogues, and the Tissue End User Dialogues.
- In response to questions, it was noted that participation at the public dialogues was expected to be about 50 – 75 people per session, that participants would focus on specific topics related to public awareness, and that local groups were being asked to participate and help with outreach. It was confirmed that plans include informing key local stakeholders (e.g. OPO's, transplant centers) ahead of the event. Peter also asked members who were interested in attending the public dialogues to contact him for further details.
- With respect to the International Speakers Series, there would be efforts to record the discussions, for those who were unable to make the call. If anyone had suggestions for speakers or questions, they should direct them to Peter.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

- Peter thanked the Committee members for participating in the call.