

Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Tissue Expert Committee

Conference Call Notes

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 2:00 EDT

Chair: Dr. Locksley McGann

Participants: Mr. Mike Bentley
Mr. Scott Brubaker
Dr. David Howarth
Mr. Dermott Kelly
Ms. Janet MacLean
Dr. Frank Hohn
Dr. Jutta Preiksaitis

Regrets: Dr. Brian Berry
Ms. Mary Gatien
Dr. Michael Gross
Mr. Sean Margueratt
Mr. Christopher Snow
Dr. Sarvesh Logsetty
Dr. Hassan Moghadam

Canadian Blood Services Observers:

Ms. Sophie de Villers, VP, Strategy Management
Ms. Kimberly Young, Executive Director, Organs and Tissues
Ms. Sylvia Torrance, Director, Strategic Planning
Mr. Mathias Haun, Director, Strategic Planning
Mr. Jim Mohr, Senior Program Advisor, Tissues

Welcome

Locksley welcomed participants to the conference call.

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from the October 29, 2009 meeting were approved. Locksley indicated that the minutes would be used as the basis for discussions with the broader tissue 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.

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.

Janet and Dermott, who each attended a session, also provided feedback to the group. 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. Kim asked them to let her know of particular groups that need to be included in this consultation. Feedback from expert groups will be brought back to the Committee meetings.

Update on International Conference Calls:

Kim informed the group that conference calls with Dr. Luc Noel (W.H.O), and representatives from EuroTransplant and UNOS have been confirmed. 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:

Locksley outlined the agenda for the upcoming January meeting:

- Updates on any expert consultations that have taken place
- In response to the request from the Committee, there will be a presentation on Quality Systems
- Discussion on how to best increase tissue donation in Canada
- Discussions on capacity, demand and utilization by tissue type
- Overview on current costing data of the tissue system

Locksley thanked members for attending and concluded the meeting.