



**Department  
of Health**

# **NYS Transplant Council Meeting September 18, 2024**

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Report of the Chairperson
- Approval of Minutes
- Welcome and Remarks
- Meeting Management Rules
  - Speaking
  - Management of Motions
  - Open Meetings Law Reminders

# Rules of the Meeting

- This meeting is a hybrid meeting with some Members and non-members attending onsite and some online.
- Council members, both onsite and online, speak first.
- Unless speaking, please keep your microphone muted if you are attending virtually.
- Persons attending online wishing to speak should use the chat feature.
- The Chair will control the order of speakers.
- Please Note: This meeting will be recorded.

# Rules of the Meeting

- Unless otherwise arranged, staff will progress the slides for speakers.
- Management of Motions
  - Will follow our historical practice of having maker and a second; discussion will follow and then a vote.
  - Prior to voting, Council members will be asked to declare if they have an interest, or a conflict related to the motion under consideration.
  - Members with a conflict with a motion will leave the room for the discussion and vote and return after the matter is decided.

# Open Meetings Law Reminders

- Videoconferencing can only occur if there is an in-person quorum in the location(s) where the meeting is held.
- Members may only attend by videoconference and be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum under “extraordinary circumstances” approved by Council action.
- Members attending virtually may vote on motions before the Council even if they are not included in the count to establish the quorum.

# Open Meetings Law Reminders

- Public bodies may conduct meetings at multiple physical locations, provided all locations are open to in-person public attendance.
- If videoconferencing is utilized, members of the public attending virtually must have the same opportunity to make public comments as anyone attending the meeting in person.
- Effective June 8, 2022.

# Open Meetings Law Reminders

- Transplant Council Web-page:  
[New York State Transplant Council Membership \(ny.gov\)](#)
- Website Contains:
  - List of Council Members
  - Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Effective November 1, 2023.

# Update on Federal, State and Department Activities

# National, State & Departmental Updates

## 1. National/Federal

- OPTN/UNOS\* Update

## 2. State and Department

- Updated DOH Mission, Vision, Values Statement strengthening its focus on Prevention, Health Equity and addressing Health Disparities
- Recent Appointments:
  - Johanne Morne, Executive Deputy Commissioner, DOH
  - Dr. Douglas Fish, Deputy Commissioner of Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management



\*OPTN: Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; UNOS: United Network for Organ Sharing

# State and Departmental Updates, cont.

## 3. Program Update

- Transplant Council Website Updated:  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/transplant\\_council/](https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/transplant_council/)
- Licensure, Survey and Surveillance
  - Certificate of Need application approved for new pediatric heart program at LIJ/Cohen's.
  - Certificate of need application filed by NYU Brooklyn for a new kidney program.
- Implementation of Statutory Requirements related to new Registry registration sources
  - Health Insurance Plan Law extender bill passed and signed.
  - Electronic Health Record bill pass both houses, pending Governor's signature.
- NYS Donate Life Registry
  - New Registration Sources in process.

# State and Departmental Updates, cont.

## 3. Program Update

### ➤ Living Donor Support Program (LDSP)

- Continuing meetings with internal and external stakeholders gathering information to use in development of program policy, procedure, protocol and regulations.
- Established a Living Donor Coordinator Group.
- Planning establishment of a LDSP Advisory Committee
- Recently hired 2 new staff; additional recruitment planned.

## 4. Wadsworth Update

# Questions?

# Reports of Standing and Special Committees

# TPC-Ethics Committee

- Chair: Andrew Flescher, PhD
- Review of Committee Membership – see meeting material for handout of members.
- Review of Charge and Progress to Date
  1. Review and make recommendations to the Council related to NYS Determination of Brain Death Guidelines.
  2. Ethical analysis of use of Normothermic Regional Perfusion in organ recovery with recommendations to the Council.
- Review of Activity to Date

# TPC-NASEM\* Committee

- Co-Chair Lenny Achan and Nancy Metzler
- Workgroups Established & Leads Identified:
  1. Develop Performance Metrics and Goals
    - Leads: L. Achan and Dr. S. Mohan
  2. Improve System Performance to Increase Equity and Access
    - Leads: Dr. B. Gelb and Ms. C. Lindower
  3. Improve Use of Donated Organs
    - Leads: Dr. L. Kayler and Ms. C. Flores
- Review of Activity to Date

\*National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine

# Organ Recovery Taskforce

- Request for establishment of the Taskforce resulted from Council member concerns regarding the training and competency of persons involved in organ procurement.
- Review of Activity to Date
  - Received letter of support from NY Center for Liver Transplantation (NYCLT) and NY Cardiothoracic Consortium and NYCTC in support.
  - Received letter from Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) voicing concern
  - Membership
  - Meetings

# New and Other Business

# Adjourn