DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Health Resources and Services Administration

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces that the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT) has scheduled a public meeting. Information about ACOT and the agenda for this meeting can be found on the ACOT website at https://www.organdonor.gov/about-dot/acot.html.

DATES: April 7, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in-person. The address for the meeting is 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Room 5A03.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Walsh, Designated Federal Official, (DFO), at Healthcare Systems Bureau, Division of Transplantation, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, 8W60, Rockville, Maryland 20857; 301-443-6839; or RWalsh@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ACOT provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS (Secretary) on policy, program development, and other matters of significance concerning the activities under 42 U.S.C. Section 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, and 42 CFR 121.12. ACOT advises the Secretary, through the HRSA Administrator, on all aspects of organ donation, procurement, allocation, and transplantation, and on such other matters that the Secretary determines; advises the Secretary on federal efforts to
maximize the number of deceased donor organs made available for transplantation and to support the safety of living organ donation; at the request of the Secretary, reviews significant proposed Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network policies submitted for the Secretary's approval to recommend whether they should be made enforceable; and provides expert input on the latest advances in the science of transplantation.

During the April 7, 2020, meeting, ACOT will discuss issues related to the recent HHS National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Behaviors and efforts to increase organ transplantation. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. Refer to the ACOT website for any updated information concerning the meeting.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. Public participants may submit written statements in advance of the scheduled meeting. Oral comments will be honored in the order they are requested and may be limited as time allows. Requests to submit a written statement or make oral comments to ACOT should be sent to Robert Walsh, DFO, using the contact information above at least 3 business days prior to the meeting.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance or another reasonable accommodation should notify Robert Walsh at the address and phone number listed above at least 10 business days prior to the meeting. Since this meeting occurs in a federal government building, attendees must go through a security check to enter the building. Non-U.S. Citizen attendees must notify HRSA of their planned attendance at least 20 business days prior to the meeting in order to facilitate their entry into the building. All attendees are required to present government-issued identification prior to entry.

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