

## Welcome to the Council Advisory Group (CAG) Corner!

We are pleased to share our second quarterly CAG Corner which includes a CAG overview, introduction of our new CAG Vice Chair, and ongoing progress on our FY21 goals. We hope the CAG Corner will serve as a reminder that the CAG is here for you! We welcome all feedback, big and small, from our valuable Network partners. Thank you for reading! -*Cindy Albert, Chair and Megan Lubitz, Vice-Chair*

*The CAG wants YOU! We are seeking nominations from National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP)/Be The Match® participating centers to serve on the Council Advisory Group as transplant center representation. If you are interested in serving on the CAG in this role, please send nominations to Heidi Bohachek at [hbohache@nmdp.org](mailto:hbohache@nmdp.org).*

### Who We Are

We are an advisory group comprised of Network partners who work directly with NMDP/Be The Match leadership to share your ideas and address your concerns.

### What We Do

We work to identify opportunities for improvement in Network operations, assist in resolution of issues posed by Council members and Network stakeholders, and provide input into the content of The ONE Forum annual meeting.

*Please join us in welcoming **Meg Lubitz, MS, RN** as our new CAG Vice Chair. Meg is the Manager of Donor Services for the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program and brings over 20 years of donor management experience to the CAG. She will serve a 2-year term as CAG Vice Chair, then roll up to CAG Chair beginning in FY24.*

## FY21 GOALS

### DONOR EXPERIENCE

Provide education and awareness to address and effectively manage donor mental health issues (multi-year initiative and goal).

### OPTIMIZE STRATEGY TO GROW AND DIVERSIFY REGISTRY

Leverage the CAG as a communication pathway for the entire Network by providing feedback, communication resources, and updates to systems and processes.

### AWARENESS AND IMPACT

Increase service to the Network through awareness of the CAG and its positive impact to patients and donors, as well as awareness of other NMDP/Be The Match service deliverables.

## FY21 GOAL PROGRESS AND KEY DECISIONS

- Collaborated with Donor Services and Medical Services to create Mental Health Assessment Questionnaire and COVID-19 Info Sheet to improve donor safety and availability
- Developing CAG abstract on Donor Mental Health Assessment Questionnaire for submission to the Tandem Meetings | Transplantation & Cellular Therapy Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR and International Donor Registry Conference
- Supporting Marrow Collection Program Alliance by providing content and review of "Best Practices" training materials to ensure high quality marrow products
- Partnering with NMDP/Be The Match Member Engagement & IT teams to develop a priorities log for digital fixes and enhancements to optimize the donor registration process
- Providing feedback on content for The ONE Forum and planning for the 2021 event

**We want to hear from you!**

How can the Council Advisory Group help you? Please email [CAG@NMDP.org](mailto:CAG@NMDP.org)