

OPTN Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Committee

Meeting Summary

May 24, 2023

Conference Call

Sandra Amaral, MD, MHS, Chair

Vijay Gorantla, MD, Ph.D., Vice-Chair

Introduction

The Vascularized Composite Allograft Committee (“Committee”) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 05/24/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Optimizing Guidance on VCA Recovery
2. Discuss Considerations for the Community Questions

The following is a summary of the Committee’s discussions.

1. Optimizing VCA Recovery Guidance Document

Staff provided an overview of each section in the guidance document and allowed time for members to review.

Action Item: Voting for public comment release
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Summary of discussion:

VCA Background

There were no comments on this section.

Donor ID

There were no comments on this section.

Recovery and Post-Recovery

There were no comments on this section

Media/PR

There were no comments on this section.

Family Considerations

There were no comments on this section

With no further discussion, the Committee voted to approve their guidance document for public comment release.

Next steps:

The Committee will review feedback from public comment as received.

2. Discuss Considerations for the Community Questions

Staff requested feedback from the Committee on which questions should accompany the guidance document from the public.

Summary of Discussion:

A member suggested asking if there was information that was lacking from the guidance document. A second member endorsed this suggestion.

Another member proposed asking what barriers exist to developing VCA programs. The Chair agreed that would be beneficial.

Next steps:

Staff will incorporate the feedback into the proposal for public comment consideration.

Upcoming Meeting

- June 28, 2023

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Sandra Amaral
 - Bo Pomahac
 - Liza Johannesson
 - Anji Wall
 - Debbi McRann
 - Christina Kaufmann
 - Elizabeth Shipman
 - Donald Rickleman
 - Stefan Tullius
 - Brian Berthiaume
 - Rick Redett
 - Amanda Gruendell
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Kelley Poff
 - Isaac Hager
 - Lauren Mauk