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Meeting Summary

OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee
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Richmond, VA

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Introduction

The Committee met in Richmond, Virginia on 06/09/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and Orientation to the OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee
2. Liver Distribution Policy Update
3. Network Operations Metrics
4. Annual HRSA Assessment

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

1. Welcome and Orientation to the OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee

Danyel Gooch, Alex Tulchinsky, and Justin Moore welcomed the Committee to their first meeting. Mr. Tulchinsky explained the meeting agenda and plans for the Committee.

2. Liver Distribution Policy Update

Bonnie Felice, UNOS Business Architect, presented an update on liver distribution policy. The OPTN had planned for an April 30th implementation of a new liver review board policy and an acuity circles-based liver and intestine allocation policy. On April 22nd, a lawsuit was filed, and the OPTN decided to postpone the April 30th release date. The policies were implemented on May 14th, and on May 15th, a judge ruled that the new policies should be halted, and the OPTN reverted to allocation policies using DSA and region on May 23rd.

3. Network Operations Metrics

Rob McTier, UNOS Business Architect, presented on proposed network operations metrics. Mr. McTier began his presentation by reviewing OPTN contract task 3.2.5.5 and the supporting performance standard. The Committee reviewed the projects service level agreement that was established in 2016, as well as the proposed timelines for customer support resolution of issues. Mr. McTier then shared the proposed objective metrics for 2019.

4. Annual HRSA Assessment

Alex Tulchinsky, Chief Technology Officer, and Richard Blair, Director of Information Security, presented on the annual HRSA assessment that took place on April 10th, 2019. In the report, HRSA validated 82 discrete administrative and technical controls. HRSA identified one potential weakness in their report. Committee members inquired about vulnerability assessments and tabletop exercises, and Mr. Blair reported that these happen regularly in conjunction with HRSA.

Upcoming Meeting

- August 26, 2019