

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Meeting Summary

October 1, 2021

Conference Call with GoToTraining

Ian Jamieson, Chair

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Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met by conference call in open and closed session via Citrix GoToTraining on October 1, 2021, and discussed the following agenda items:

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancement Project Update

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

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancement Project Update

Staff reported on the current status of public comment on the Enhance Transplant Program Performance Monitoring System proposal. She discussed the timeline and plan for the evaluation of public comment feedback. Staff summarized the proposal sentiment results for both online public comment and regional meetings and the themes of public comment, both in support of the proposal and the concerns raised. Staff noted that public comment had not revealed any concerns that had not been discussed by the Committee during the development of the proposal.

A staff member thanked the MPSC regional meeting presenters, MPSC leadership, and SRTR for their contributions during the public comment period.

Committee members offered questions and provided feedback. Committee members noted that many of the concerns raised were driven by a misunderstanding about the metrics and the risk adjustment and stated that the committee should plan to provide additional education to the transplant community to prepare for the implementation phase.

A committee member asked about the necessity of the board voting on a unified set of metrics for every organ, specifically mentioning the use of the waitlist mortality metric to evaluate kidney transplant programs. The staff member responded that the Committee had a significant amount of discussion on separate metrics or separate criteria for different organs and based on a number of factors, moved forward with consistent metrics across all organs. Staff and the subcommittee chair also noted that if the Committee were to exempt kidney transplant programs from waitlist mortality for example, the door would be open for additional requests for exemption of other organ programs from evaluation by individual metrics, which could lead to a complex system. Specifically, for waitlist mortality for kidney, staff noted that the modeled data demonstrates that there is not much variability among kidney programs on this metric and no kidney programs were identified by the proposed criteria. An MPSC member stated that the waitlist mortality metric could be a good metric for kidney transplant programs because it would encourage programs to investigate ways to actively manage their waitlists.

Other committee members asked questions about the Board of Director's meeting and the evaluation process after implementation. A staff member responded that there will be opportunities to assess how

the effect of the metrics using an extensive evaluation plan. She briefly reviewed the timeline of the implementation plan with committee members.

Staff reported that all public comment feedback is uploaded to the external site for committee members to review. She also reminded the committee of the Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee meeting on October 12, and stated that all Committee members are welcome to attend. Staff concluded by providing an overview of what to expect at the subcommittee meeting and the timeline of events for the proposal.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 1, 2021, MPSC Meeting, 2-4pm, ET, Conference Call
- October 26-28, 2021, MPSC Meeting, Chicago (pending virtual)
- December 9, 2021, MPSC Meeting, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- January 20, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- February 22-24, 2022, Chicago
- March 25, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- April 22, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- May 31, 2022, 3-5pm, ET, Conference Call
- June 29, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- July 12-14, 2022, Chicago

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Nicole Berry
 - Emily Blumberg
 - Timothy Bunchman
 - Theresa Daly
 - Todd Dardas
 - Richard N. Formica Jr
 - Reginald Gohh
 - Barbara Gordon
 - Alice Gray
 - John Gutowski
 - Nicole Hayde
 - Ian R. Jamieson
 - Christopher Jones
 - Christy Keahey
 - Mary Killackey
 - Anne M. Krueger
 - Amit Mathur
 - Virginia (Ginny) T. McBride
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Dan Meyer
 - Bhargav Mistry
 - Willscott Naugler
 - Michael Pham
 - Steve Potter
 - Pooja Singh
 - Laura Stillion
 - Parsia Vagefi
 - Sean Van Slyck
 - Gebhard Wagener
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Arjun Naik
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Miller
 - Jon Snyder
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Andrew Wey
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Tameka Bland
 - Tory Boffo
 - Shawn Brown
 - Nadine Drumn
 - Demi Emmanouil
 - Katie Favaro

- Kay Lagana
- Ann-Marie Leary
- Ellen Litkenhaus
- Sandy Miller
- Amy Minkler
- Sara Moriarty
- Alan Nicholas
- Jacqui O'Keefe
- Rob Patterson
- Dina Phelps
- Michelle Rabold
- Liz Robbins Callahan
- Sharon Shepherd
- Olivia Taylor
- Stephon Thelwell
- Gabe Vece
- Marta Waris
- Betsy Warnick
- Emily Womble
- Karen Wooten
- **Other Attendees**
 - None