

OPTN Board of Directors

Executive Summary

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Richmond, VA and Virtual

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Introduction

Dr. Jerry McCauley, President of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 8:05am ET on June 26th, 2023. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

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Dr. Suma Nair, Associate Administrator for the Health System Bureau, addressed the Board with a presentation on the OPTN and the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) OPTN Modernization Initiative.

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of December 5, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors held in St. Louis, MO (Executive Committee)
- Appointment of OPTN Committee Chairs (Executive Committee)
- *Modify Heart Policy for Intended Incompatible Blood Type (ABOi) Offers to Pediatric Candidates* (Heart Committee)
- *Align OPTN Kidney Paired Donation Blood Type Matching Policy and Establish Donor Re-Evaluation Requirements* (Kidney Transplantation Committee)
- *Expand Required Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Allocation* (Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee)
- *National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Guidance for Multivisceral Transplant Candidates* (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)
- *Improve Deceased Donor Evaluation of Endemic Diseases* (Disease Transmission and Advisory Committee)

Dr. Maureen McBride, OPTN Executive Director, delivered a report to the Board, highlighting the OPTN's work to drive improvement throughout the donation and transplant system. Areas of focus include reducing organ non-use; improving logistics and transportation; increasing efficiency in kidney and pancreas distribution; and enhancing equity, accountability, and transparency.

Ms. Rebecca Murdock, Senior Policy Counsel, presented on the action item approval process. Ms. Murdock explained the approach to voting on action items and the process for handling amendments and substitute resolutions.

Dr. Alden Doyle, Chair of the Operations and Safety Committee, presented *Optimizing Usage of Offer Filters* behalf of the Operations and Safety Committee. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Zoe Stewart Lewis, Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) presented an update from the committee to the Board. Dr. Stewart Lewis discussed the committee's

ongoing work on allocation monitoring, OPTN policy improvements, transplant program performance monitoring, and OPO performance monitoring. Attendees also participated in breakout groups focused on OPO performance. The groups discussed desired project outcomes, data collection, process standardization, and strategic initiatives. The groups reported their ideas back to the entire Board.

Dr. Keren Ladin, Chair of the Ethics Committee, presented the *Ethical Evaluation of Multiple Listing* on behalf of the committee. The white paper was not approved by the Board.

The Board briefly convened in a closed session for the purpose of confidential routine membership and administrative business.

Mr. Brad Kornfeld, Treasurer of the OPTN Board of Directors and Chair of the OPTN Finance Committee, presented a report to the Board. Mr. Kornfeld shared a summary of key Finance Committee work from spring 2023. Mr. Kornfeld also presented the proposed FY2024 budget and fee. He explained the budget timeline, the OPTN Functional Revenue & Expense Statement, OPTN tasks descriptions, the FY2024 OPTN budget voucher, and FY2024 expense categories. The proposed budget was approved by the Board.

Dr. Edward Hollinger, Chair of the Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC), presented the NOOC report to the Board. Dr. Hollinger presented the charter of the NOOC and the overview of the work the committee has performed since June 2022. Dr. Hollinger shared the Network Operations Metrics and Monitoring Report and planned future work for the committee.

Dr. Hollinger then presented the NOOC's *Establish Member System Access, Security Framework, and Incident Management and Reporting Requirements* proposal. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Ryan Ehrensberger presented an overview of the 2024-2028 OPTN strategic planning process. The Board was then broken up into groups to discuss their suggestions for the next OPTN Strategic Plan. The groups came back together and shared their suggestions.

Dr. McCauley closed the meeting by delivering the President's Address and thanking the Board for their service. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15pm ET.