

OPTN Policy Oversight Committee

Meeting Summary

February 8, 2024

Conference Call

Jennifer Prinz, BSN, MPH, Chair

Erika Lease, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Policy Oversight Committee (the Committee) met via Cisco WebEx teleconference on 02/08/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. *2024-2027 OPTN Strategic Plan Proposal*

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

1. 2024-2027 OPTN Strategic Plan Proposal

The Committee received a presentation on the Executive Committee's *2024-2027 OPTN Strategic Plan* proposal, currently out for public comment.

Summary of Discussion:

A member commented organs at the greatest risk of non-use should be evaluated with data. Another member commented past equity gains should be maintained or improved, and questioned why more equity gains would not be a strategic plan goal. The member further questioned how the Committee should evaluate projects geared toward equity since the Committee focuses on project alignment with the strategic plan. Other members agreed and commented the proposed strategic plan has a very narrow focus on efficiency.

A member suggested creating a marketing campaign for the public to highlight achievements and enhance the messaging of the Expeditious task force's goals to reach 60,000 successful transplants.

Another member commented the prioritization of projects and overseeing the policy development process is part of the Committee's role and encouraged more of a partnership with the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The member commented there seems to be a misunderstanding among the Board of how the Committee has been operating and a lack of appreciation for the current process.

Committee members reviewed a list of active projects and identified projects that are not in clear alignment with the proposed strategic plan goals. Members questioned what will happen to projects that are not clearly in alignment. A member suggested adding language to the proposal that would allow for current projects to continue to fruition. Committee members expressed concern for potentially deprioritizing active projects, stating a deprioritization could lead to disengagement of committee volunteers. Members commented there is a lack of clarity on what the strategic plan's vision is for current projects such as continuous distribution.

Next Steps

The Committee will continue their discussion at the March 18th meeting before submitting a public comment.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 18, 2024 (in-person)
- April 11, 2024

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Jennifer Prinz
 - Lisa Stocks
 - Rachel Engen
 - Stephanie Pouch
 - Kim Koontz
 - Erika Lease
 - Gerald Morris
 - Nicole Turgeon
 - Christine Brenner
 - Scott Lindberg
 - Arpita Basu
 - JD Menteer
 - Jason Huff
 - Lori Markham
 - Matt Hargrove
 - Oscar Serrano
 - Stevan Gonzalez
 - Shimul Shah
 - Ty Dunn
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Ajay Israni
- **UNOS Staff**
 - James Alcorn
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Sharon Shepherd
 - Cole Fox
 - Kelley Poff
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Rebecca Goff
 - Sarah Roache
 - Kim Uccellini
 - Darby Harris
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Leah Nunez
 - Tamika Watkins
- **Other**
 - Ginny McBride