

OPTN Minority Affairs Committee

Meeting Summary

March 18, 2024

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Webex teleconference on 03/18/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public comment proposal: Strategic Plan 2024-2027, OPTN Executive Committee
2. SRTR Addendum Request

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

1. Public comment proposal: Strategic Plan 2024-2027, OPTN Executive Committee

The Committee heard a presentation on the OPTN Executive Committee's proposal, *Strategic Plan 2024-2027* and provided feedback.

Summary of discussion:

This was not an agenda item that required a decision; no decisions were made by the Committee.

While the Committee generally agreed with decreasing non-use of organs and increasing efficiency in the transplant community, members have concerns that the proposed strategic plan does not explicitly include an objective that calls for equity gains. A member shared concern that while an increase in efficiency with placing organs may increase transplantation for larger centers, smaller centers may be left with less organs and therefore become geographically disadvantaged. One member referenced an objective in the goal of "Improve Offer Acceptance Rate" that discussed promotion of education programs for patients and suggested that indigenous populations would benefit from such education. The Committee expressed that the proposed goals may widen the current equity gap that impacts the most disenfranchised individuals with organ failure. Members recommended the transplant community be aware of potential unintended consequence and asks the Executive Committee to monitor for any decrease in current equity gains.

Next steps:

The Committee will draft and post a comment on this proposal to the OPTN website.

2. SRTR Addendum Request

The Committee was informed that during the winter 2024 public comment cycle, there was a request for a KDPI addendum. The request was for a more in-depth analysis of the KDPI modeling that includes the following:

- Provide model fit analyses for additional subgroups: recipients' sex, age, and donor KDPI at allocation.

- Provide calibration plots: Do the models work at the higher and lower levels of predicted risk?

This was not an agenda item that required a decision; no decisions were made by the Committee.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion.

Next steps:

The results of the KDPI addendum modeling request will be presented at the upcoming Committee meeting on April 4, 2024.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 15, 2024, 3-4pm ET
- May 20, 2024, 3-4pm ET
- June 17, 2024, 3-4pm ET

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Adrian Lawrence
 - Anthony Panos
 - April Stempien-Otero
 - Catherine Vascik
 - Christiana Gjelaj
 - Donna Dennis
 - Jason Narverud
 - John Bayton
 - Oscar K. Serrano
 - Sandy Edwards
 - Steven Averhart
 - Tony Urey
 - Obi Davies Ekwenna
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Adriana Martinez
 - Mesmin Germain
 - Shelley Tims Grant
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Bryn Thompson
 - Jon Miller
 - Monica Colvin
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Kelley Poff
 - Tamika Watkins
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Jesse Howell
 - Kaitlin Swanner
- **Other Attendees**
 - Christy Baune
 - Hilda Fernandez
 - Jim Sharrock