

OPTN Operations & Safety Committee

Meeting Summary

January 27, 2022

Conference Call

Chris Curran, CPTC, CTBS, CTOP, Chair

Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Operations & Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting teleconference 01/27/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Presentation: Establish Eligibility and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation
2. Public Comment Presentation: Redesign Map of OPTN Regions

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

1. Public Comment Presentation: Establish Eligibility and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation

The Committee received a presentation on the OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee's *Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety New for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation* proposal.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee agreed with the three proposed criteria. A member stated that 500 nautical miles away from the donor hospital appears to be an appropriate threshold. Another member stated this proposal is an appropriate start to addressing multi-organ transplantation. The member added that the proposal may receive pushback from cardiac specialties because transplant professionals are constantly trying to find pathways for status 4 patients.

A member stated that this proposal should help the pediatric transplantation community as well. Another member suggested that added emphasis on how the proposal may impact single organ transplant candidates would be helpful.

2. Public Comment Presentation: Redesign Map of OPTN Regions

The Committee received a presentation on behalf of the OPTN Executive Meeting for the *Redesign Map of OPTN Regions* request for feedback.

Summary of discussion:

A member stated that maintaining the same regional structure will continue to support established relationships between organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and transplant programs. Another member stated that data reporting structures should be more fluid than regional structures. The member explained that the OPO clusters have been helpful for performance improvement.

A member stated that the regional redesign needs to ensure that rural communities have enough representation. The member stated that American Indian/Alaskan Native population are the largest

populations in North and South Dakota. The member explained that the voices of minority populations may be lessened if regions are expanded without due consideration.

Another member suggested that the regional redesign should consider regional meeting and feedback sharing in order for collaboration to be manageable.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 25, 2022 (teleconference)
- March 25, 2022 (Richmond, Virginia)
- April 28, 2022 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Andy Bonham
 - Audrey Kleet
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Greg Abrahamian
 - Jami Gleason
 - Joanne Oxman
 - Kimberly Koontz
 - Melinda Locklear
 - Melissa Parente
 - Paige Oberle
 - Renee Morgan
 - Rich Rothweiler
 - Stephanie Little
 - Steven Johnson
 - Susan Stockemer
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Kerrie Masten
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Susan Tlusty