

**Interim Report of the
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
REPORT
April 20, 2012
Conference Call and Live Meeting**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met on April 20, 2012, by conference call and Live Meeting and considered the following items:

I. Action Items for Board Consideration:

The Committee will ask the Board of Directors to approve the following recommendations during the June 25-26, 2012, meeting:

- Bylaws Rewrite Project: Following review of comments from the public, regions, and other committees, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors that the OPTN Bylaws Plain Language Rewrite be approved. This rewrite converts the Bylaws to plain language and reorganizes them for better clarity and usability.
- Modifications to Appendix A of the Bylaws: Following review of comments from the public, regions, and other committees, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors that a rewrite of Appendix A of the OPTN Bylaws be approved. This is a substantive rewrite of the current *Appendix A: Application and Hearing Procedures for Members and Designated Transplant Programs*. This rewrite will become the new *Appendix L: Reviews, Actions, and Due Process*, to fit with the new organization of the OPTN Bylaws Plain Language Rewrite.

II. Old Business

- The Committee modified its recommendation made in February 2012 for a program that voluntarily withdrew its designated program status after the recommendation. The Committee resolved that the program must undergo a peer visit prior to reactivation of or reapplication for the program.
- The Committee provided specific required elements for reactivation of or reapplication by a program that voluntarily inactivated.

III. New Business

The Committee reviewed the following bylaw and policy proposals that had been distributed for public comment (3/16 – 6/15/2012).

- Proposal to Require Documentation of Second Unique Identifier (OPO Committee). This proposal will require OPOs and living donor recovery centers to document all unique identifiers used to label any tissue typing specimen in the donor record. This will allow transplant centers to validate the unique identifier information.

The Committee voted to support the proposal and made several recommendations for changes. The Committee was concerned that there is not a place to record the second unique identifier in DonorNet® and recommends that another field be programmed into the system. The Committee also requested clarification about what can serve as the source document if the information is not in DonorNet®.

- Proposal to Require Extra Vessel(s) Disposition to be Reported to the OPTN within Five Days of Transplant or Disposal. The Operations and Safety Committee is proposing policy language within section 5.10.2 (Vessel Storage) to require transplant centers to report the disposition of extra vessels to the OPTN within five days of transplant or disposal.

The Committee voted to support the proposal with the condition that programming be completed before implementation. The Committee agreed that the electronic system should allow the hospital to record the vessel being used in part since a section of vessel may be used and the remainder later discarded.

- UNOS Actions: The committee members agreed that actions regarding Bylaws and Policy, and program-specific decisions made during the OPTN session would be accepted as UNOS actions.

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