

**Interim Report of the  
OPTN/UNOS MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
July 12-14, 2011  
Chicago, IL**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met on July 12-14, 2011. The first day of the meeting was devoted to committee orientation and subcommittee meetings. The full committee met on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 November 14-15, 2011, meeting:

- Fully approve 4 new programs in existing transplant centers;
- Conditionally approve 1 transplant program for 12 months;
- Fully approve 1 new program component in existing transplant centers;
- Fully approve 4 reactivated programs
- Approve changes in program status in existing transplant centers;
  - Approve 1 program to reactivate.
  - The committee will also notify the board of directors that nine programs inactivated and that one additional program temporarily ceased performing kidney and living donor kidney transplants.

**II. Old Business**

- Annual Committee Goals: The committee reviewed the projects presently underway and the progress made on each.
- Program-Related Actions and Personnel Changes: The committee reviewed 56 and approved 51 personnel change applications.
- Due Process Proceedings and Informal Discussions: The committee conducted eight interviews with member transplant centers and organ procurement organizations.
- Live Donor Adverse Events Reporting: As required in Policy 12.8.4 (Submission of Living Donor Death and Organ Failure Data), transplant programs must report all instances of live donor deaths and failure of the live donor's native organ function within 72 hours after the program becomes aware of the live donor death or failure of the live donors' native organ function. The Committee reviewed eight reported instances and is not recommending any further action to the Board for three of them. One kidney program voluntarily closed. One liver program received a letter of uncontested violation for improper reporting. The other three instances involve one program that interviewed before the Committee, and is being recommended for Probation.

- Inactive Waitlist Focus Group Report: A focus group met on June 17 to discuss notification requirements pertaining to inactive waiting lists and cessation of portions of programs. Due to the amount of discussion regarding the bylaw, the PAIS recommended that the focus group reconvene, with the addition of representatives from the Transplant Administrators Committee and Patient Affairs Committee.
- Site Survey and Allocation Analysis patterns and trends: The committee listened to a presentation by the OPTN staff that summarized policy violations found on site surveys and types of allocation deviations found during allocation analysis. In addition, staff discussed other ways in which potential policy violations are reported to UNOS; as well as committee actions on past potential policy violations.
- Bylaws Rewrite Project: The work group chair and the staff updated the committee on the status of the bylaws rewrite project.
- Modifications to Appendix A of the Bylaws: The work group chair and staff presented proposed revisions to the due process provisions of Appendix A of the OPTN Bylaws. The MPSC requested further evaluation and revision prior to submitting this proposal for public comment.
- Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) Report: The PAIS met on May 20, June 16, and July 12, to continue its review of transplant programs that exhibited lower than expected patient and/or graft survival rates; small volume programs that experienced at least one death and/or graft failure within one year of transplant; and functionally inactive programs. The Subcommittee made its recommendations to the full MPSC during the July 13-14, 2011, meeting.
- Policy Compliance Subcommittee Reports: The Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC) met by conference call on May 10 and June 7; and in person on July 12. The PCSC discussed general issues as well as standard, periodic site surveys; member complaints; observed or reported potential policy violations, and organ specific committee referrals. In addition, the PCSC received updates on members that are continuing in monitoring. The PCSC made its recommendations to the full MPSC during the July 13-14, 2011, meeting.

### **III. New Business**

- 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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