

**INTERIM REPORT of the
OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee**
Meeting on October 11, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois

1. **Post Public Comment Review of Proposals:** The Committee submitted two proposals for public comment during the spring 2012 cycle. The Committee reviewed the public comments and drafted responses.
 - *Proposal to Require Documentation of All Unique Identifiers Used to Label Tissue Typing Specimens.* This proposal requires documentation of all unique identifiers used to label tissue typing specimens. This proposal was released for public comment between March 16, 2012, and June 15, 2012. The Committee considered all public comments received on the proposal at its October 11, 2012, meeting. Overall, there was support for the proposal although there was some concern about not specifically defining “donor record.” The Committee did agree to clarify that all unique identifiers need to be documented in the “OPO donor record.” The Committee will submit this proposal to the Board of Directors for approval on November 12-13, 2012.
 - *Proposal to Modify DCD Model Elements.* The OPO Committee previously released proposed changes to the Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) Model Elements. The proposal would clarify and update language for the donation and transplantation community. The Committee continues to work on the proposal and expects to bring the proposal for Board consideration in 2013. This proposal was distributed for public comment during the March 11, 2011 to June 10, 2011, period and again between March 16, 2012, and June 15, 2012. There was a considerable amount of concern expressed during public comment and the committee continues to work on addressing those comments.
2. **Update on OPO Metrics:** The SRTR provided an overview of updates to the models used to monitor performance of OPOs in the United States. MPSC staff also provided the committee with an overview of observations made during MPSCs first review of the OPO metrics.
3. **Effective Screening Work Group:** The Committee was provided with an overview of the work from the tiered acceptance/effective screening project. This work began in 2007 with the goal of improving usage of organ offer screening tools to reduce unwanted offers, improve efficiency of organ placement for marginal organs, and reduce organ wastage due to increased cold ischemia time. The Committee agreed this is important work and will submit a project proposal to continue this work.
4. **Kidney Allocation Proposal:** The Committee reviewed the proposal to substantially revise the national kidney allocation system. The Committee approved the proposal by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
5. **Instructional Innovations:** The Committee was provided with an overview of this new department created to provide a disciplined and focused professional education approach for members. One of the goals of this new department is to collaborate with external stakeholders to provide our members with strategies, resources, and tools and share effective practices to better understand, interpret, and implement policies.

6. **Uncontrolled DCD:** The Committee reviewed some initial data from a survey that was distributed early in April 2012. The response rate for the survey was small therefore the Committee agreed to follow-up with non-responders.
7. **HRSA Innovation Grant for Tracking and Traceability:** The Committee was provided with an overview of this project. This will include a pilot program to test the feasibility of using a tracking system for organs similar to that used for blood products. The Committee will be actively involved in this project that should begin early in 2013.
8. **Imminent and Eligible Death Data Definitions:** The Committee has been working on modifications to the imminent and eligible death data reporting definitions. The Committee currently has a proposal out for public comment and will review comments in preparation for submission to the Board of Directors in June of 2013.
9. **Request from Research Department:** The Committee was asked to provide feedback on deceased donor registration (DDR) completion requirements and research organ data collection. A subcommittee was formed to further address these questions.
10. **Policy Rewrite Project:** The Committee was provided with an update on the policy rewrite project.
11. **Subcommittee/Work Group Updates:**
 - *Sharing Updated Donor Information* (joint working group with DTAC/OPO/Operations and Safety) – This joint subcommittee continues to work on improving the process for communicating changes in donor information.
 - *OPO Scorecard Threshold* – This subcommittee continues to work on establishing thresholds for clinical and administrative scores used during OPO site survey visits.
 - *Rerunning the Match Run* (joint subcommittee with DTAC) – This subcommittee will address the issue of rerunning the match run when changes in serology results affect candidates listed on the match run.
 - *Exhausting the Match Run* (joint subcommittee with Ad Hoc International Relations)- This subcommittee will work to define “exhausting the match run” before allocating organs outside the U.S.
 - *Packaging and Labeling* – This subcommittee is working on defining “commercially shipped” as it relates to requirements in policy to label organs, tissue, and other specimens.
 - *Evaluation Plan* – This subcommittee will work with the UNOS Department of Evaluation and Quality during the rewrite of the evaluation plan.

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Attendance

| Name | Position | October 11, 2012 |
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| Richard Pietroski, MS,CPTC | Committee Chairman | X |
| Sean Van Slyck, MPA/HSA, CPTC | Committee Vice-Chairman | X |
| Lori Brigham, MBA | Ex-Officio | X |
| Chris Curran, CTBS, CTOP | Region 1 Representative | X |
| Christopher Hughes, MD | Region 2 Representative | X |
| Christy Corbitt, RN, CPTC | Region 3 Representative | X |
| James Cutler, CPTC | Region 4 Representative | X |
| Nikole Neidlinger, MD | Region 5 Representative | X |
| David Scott, MD | Region 6 Representative | X |
| Anne Krueger, RN, BSN | Region 7 Representative | X |
| Jennifer Prinz, RN, BSN, MPH, CPTC | Region 8 Representative | Phone |
| Richard Padula, CPTC | Region 9 Representative | X |
| Paul Nelson, MD, FACS | Region 10 Representative | |
| Cynthia Willis, CPTC | Region 11 Representative | |
| Gwen McNatt, MS, RN, FNP-BC | At Large | X |
| Jacqueline Honig, MD | At Large | X |
| Patricia Tencza, RN, BS, CPTC | At Large | |
| Lisa Stocks, FNP, RN | At Large | X |
| Teresa Beigay, DrPH | HRSA | Phone |
| Raelene Skerda, RPh, BPharm | HRSA | Phone |
| Robert Walsh | HRSA | X |
| David Zaun, MS | SRTR | X |
| Ajay Israni, MD, MS | SRTR | X |
| Tabitha Leighton | SRTR | Phone |
| John Rosendale | UNOS, Research Staff | X |
| Robert Hunter | UNOS, Committee Liaison | X |
| James Alcorn | UNOS, Director of Policy | X |