

**INTERIM REPORT of the
OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee**
Conference Call on November 29, 2011

1. Update from the Board of Directors Meeting The Committee was provided with an update from the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors held on November 14-15, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Committee had one proposal that was approved by the Board. The Board approved modifications to Policies 5.4.3 (Vessels) and 5.10.2 (Vessel Storage) to require the vessel container to be labeled, and to clarify language regarding the placement of the OPTN distributed label.

2. Review of Comments Submitted on DCD Model Elements Proposal Prior to the Board of Directors meeting, several letters were received that expressed concern and opposition to the proposal regarding changes to the DCD Model Elements. The Executive Committee decided to remove the proposal from consideration by the Board and requested that the OPO Committee respond to the comments, make necessary changes to the proposal, and submit the proposal for comment again during the next public comment period. The Committee reviewed a summary list of all the concerns and drafted a response to each one. The Committee will reevaluate the proposed language and determine a path forward.

3. Review of Public Comment Proposals The OPO Committee reviewed five of the proposals distributed for public comment on September 16, 2011.

- Proposed Revisions to and Reorganization of Policy 6.0 (Transplantation of Non Resident Aliens), Which Include Changes to the Non-Resident Alien Transplant Audit Trigger Policy and Related Definitions (*Ad Hoc International Relations and Ethics Committees*).

The OPO Committee did not support the proposal as currently written. The committee had concerns about the export language and will provide a formal response to the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee. The Committee did not vote on this proposal.

- Proposal to Extend the “Share 15” Regional Distribution Policy to “Share 15 National” (*Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee*)

The OPO Committee supported this policy but recognized that there may be some cost implications for OPOs. The Committee supported this proposal by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- Proposal For Regional Distribution of Livers for Critically Ill Candidates (*Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee*)

The OPO Committee supported this policy but recognized that there may be some cost implications for OPOs. The Committee supported this proposal by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- Revision of the UNOS Bylaws, the OPTN Bylaws and the OPTN Policies that Govern HLA Laboratories (*Histocompatibility Committee*)

The OPO Committee supported this proposal by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- Proposal to Clarify and Improve Variance Policies (*Policy Oversight Committee*)

The OPO Committee supported this proposal by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Attendance

Name	Position	November 29, 2011
Lori Brigham, MBA	Committee Chairman	X
Richard Pietroski, MS,CPTC	Committee Vice-Chairman	X
Chris Curran	Regional Rep. 1	X
Susan Stuart, RN, MPM	Regional Rep. 2	X
Christy Corbitt, RN, CPTC	Regional Rep. 3	X
Lisa Stocks, FNP, RN	Regional Rep. 5	X
Katharine Kickertz, BSN, CPTC	Regional Rep. 6	X
Meg Rogers	Regional Rep. 7	X
Rob Linderer, RN, BSN	Regional Rep. 8	X
Paul Nelson, MD, FACS	Regional Rep. 10	X
Esther Carmichael	At Large	X
Jacqueline Honig, MD	At Large	X
Richard Padula, CPTC	At Large	
William Reitsma, BSN	At Large	X
Sean Van Slyck, BA, CPTC	At Large	X
Teresa Beigay, DrPH	HRSA	X
Tabitha Leighton	SRTR	X
Vipra Ghimire	UNOS, Thoracic Committee, AHIR Committee Liaison	X
Robert Hunter	UNOS, Committee Liaison	X
Pamela Saunders Moore	UNOS, Committee Liaison	X