INTERIM REPORT of the
OPTN/UNOS POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
March 29, 2011
Chicago, Illinois

1. Review of Public Comment Proposals. The Committee reviewed the policy proposals distributed for public comment in January and March of 2011.

   - Proposed Model for Assessing the Effectiveness of Individual OPOs in Key Measures of Organ Recovery and Utilization *(MPSC and OPO Committee)* The Committee agreed that coming up with an objective way of assessing OPO performance is an important step forward and voted to support the proposal and submit its comments for consideration by the MPSC. Committee vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

   - Proposal for Improved Imaging Criteria for HCC Exceptions *(Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

   - Proposal to Reduce Waiting List Deaths for Adult Liver-Intestine Candidates *(Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

   - Proposed Committee-Sponsored Alternative Allocation System (CAS) for Split Liver Allocation *(Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

   - Proposal to Encourage Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) to Provide Computed Tomography (CT) Scan if Requested by Transplant Programs, And to Modify Language in 3.7.12.3 for Currency and Readability *(Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

   - Proposal to Require Updates of Certain Clinical Factors Every 14 Days for Lung Transplant Candidates with Lung Allocation Scores (LAS) of at Least Fifty, And to Modify Policy 3.7.6.3 for Currency and Readability *(Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

   - Proposal to Allow Outpatient Adult Heart Transplant Candidates Implanted with Total Artificial Hearts (TAH) Thirty Days of Status 1A Time *(Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

   - Proposal to Improve the Reporting of Living Donor Status *(Living Donor Committee)* The Committee ***did not*** support the proposal by a vote of 0 in favor, 13 opposed, and 1 abstention.

   - Proposal to Improve the Packaging, Labeling and Shipping of Living Donor Organs, Vessels and Tissue Typing Materials *(Living Donor Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Proposal to Require Confirmatory Subtyping of Non-A_1 and Non-A_1B Donors *(Operations and Safety Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Proposal to Standardize Label Requirements for Vessel Storage and Vessel Transport *(Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Proposal to Update and Clarify Language in the DCD Model Elements *(Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) and Organ Availability Committees)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Proposal to List All Non-Metastatic Hepatoblastoma Pediatric Liver Candidates as Status 1B *(Pediatric and Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committees)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Proposal to Eliminate the Requirement that Pediatric Liver Candidates Must be Located in a Hospital's Intensive Care Unit to Qualify as Status 1A or 1B *(Pediatric Transplantation Committee)* The Committee supported the proposal by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2. Multi-Organ Allocation Subcommittee Report. The POC was charged with addressing multi-organ allocation policies and formed a subcommittee during its fall 2010 meeting to begin working on the issue. The subcommittee met twice by conference call and provided a report of the discussions to the full committee. Following a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed on the following path forward:

    - Review current policies for ambiguities

    - Look at principles that currently exist in policies

    - Reevaluate the "lifesaving organ" component of Policy 3.9.3

    - Determine if mandatory sharing of the second organ should be expanded past the local DSA

    - Determine how to balance equity and utility

    - Create minimum listing criteria for all organs involved in a multi-organ transplant

    This information will be presented to the Board of Directors during its June 2011 meeting to get feedback and approval on the path forward.

3. Memo from the Pediatric Committee. The Committee reviewed a memorandum from the Pediatric Transplantation Committee requesting input from the POC about pediatric experience requirements in the bylaws. This issue stems from pediatric centers submitting candidates for consideration to serve as primary physician or surgeon without having experience in pediatric transplantation. The Committee agreed this issue needs to be addressed but did not feel that a separate set of requirements should be created for pediatric programs. Additionally, CMS requirements for pediatric transplant programs should be considered during future discussions.

The Committee agreed to work with the Pediatric Committee and MPSC to identify a path forward.

4. Review of Committee Projects for 2011/2012. The POC was charged with assisting the Executive Committee with the review and prioritization of committee projects. In November 2010, the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors approved a new process of evaluating and prioritizing new projects in the early stages. This will allow the organization to make the best use of committee time and limited resources on projects that have the greatest impact on transplant patients. The Committee reviewed 96 projects submitted by the OPTN Committees. These projects were sorted according to the key goal areas approved by the Board:

    - Increase the number of transplants
    - Increase access to transplants
    - Improve post-transplant survival
    - Promote transplant patient safety
    - Promote living donor safety

    UNOS staff and committee leadership developed a draft scorecard that was used in the initial evaluation phase. The Committee briefly reviewed each proposed project to determine whether it was a project that should be prioritized. It was noted that feedback for any project that did not get approved will be provided back to the sponsoring committee. All other projects were prioritized and given a score and these will be collated, along with any comments, and forwarded to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

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Attendance at March 29, 2011 Meeting in Chicago Illinois

Name	Position	Attended
Stuart C. Sweet, MD, PhD	Committee Chair	X
David Axelrod, MD, MBA	Pancreas Committee Vice-Chair	X (phone)
Laura E. Ellsworth	Patient Affairs Committee Vice-Chair	X
John J. Freidewald, MD	Kidney Committee Vice-Chair	X
Mary Kelleher, MS, CIP	Patient Representative	X
Hueng Bae Kim, MD	Pediatric Committee Vice-Chair	X
Silas Norman, MD	Minority Affairs Committee Vice-Chair	X
Kim Olthoff, MD	Liver and Intestine Committee Vice-Chair	X
Richard E. Pietroski, MS, CPTC	OPO Committee Vice-Chair	X
Amy Waterman, PhD	Living Donor Committee Vice-Chair	X
Steven Webber, MBChB	Thoracic Committee Vice-Chair	X
Timothy Stevens, RN, BSN, CCTC	Transplant Administrators Committee Vice-Chair	X
Lee Ann Baxter-Lowe, PhD	Histocompatibility Committee Vice-Chair	X
Jean Davis	Operations and Safety Committee Vice-Chair	X (phone)
Melissa A. Dunbar-Forrest, RN, BSN, CPTC	Transplant Coordinators Committee Vice-Chair	-
Alexandra K. Glazier, JD, MPH	Ethics Committee Vice-Chair	-
Michael D. Green, MD, MPH	DTAC Vice Chair	X (phone)
Christopher McLaughlin	HRSA	X (phone)
Robert Walsh	HRSA	X (phone)
Monica Lin	HRSA	X (phone)
Bertram L. Kasiske, MD, FACP	SRTR	X
Jon Snyder, PhD, MS	SRTR	X
Tabitha Leighton	SRTR	X (phone)
Robert Hunter	UNOS, Committee Liaison	X
Brian Shepard	UNOS, Director of Policy	X
Mary D. Ellison, PhD, MSHA	UNOS, Assistant Executive Director, Federal Affairs	X
Erick Edwards, PhD	UNOS, Assistant Director of Research	X
Vipra Ghimire	UNOS, Liaison, Thoracic Committee	X (phone)
Jacqueline O'Keefe, MBA	UNOS, Assistant Director of Membership	X (phone)
Shandie Covington	UNOS, Liaison, DTAC	X (phone)
Lee Bolton	UNOS, Liaison, Living Donor Committee	X (phone)
Kimberly Taylor	UNOS, Liaison, Operations and Safety Committee	X (phone)
Ann Harper	UNOS, Liaison, Liver and Intestine Committee	X (phone)
Elizabeth Sleeman	UNOS, Liaison, Pancreas Committee	X (phone)
Chad Waller, MS	UNOS, Liaison, Pediatric Committee	X (phone)
Kerrie Cobb	UNOS, Business Analyst	X (phone)