

OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee

Meeting Summary

July 21, 2022

Conference Call

Stacy McKean, RN, Chair

Natalie Santiago-Blackwell, RN, MSN, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/21/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment Preview
3. Provisional Yes Workgroup Interest
4. Committee Orientation

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee leadership welcomed the Committee, and members introduced themselves, their institution, and their transplant experience.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had no questions or comments.

2. Public Comment Preview

The Committee received an overview of the proposals, concept papers, updates, and white papers to be released in the upcoming August 2022 public comment cycle, as well as the regional meeting schedule.

Presentation summary:

The following items will be released in the upcoming public comment period:

- Transparency in Program Selection – Ethics Committee
- Modify Heart Policy to Address Patient Safety Following Device Recall – Heart Transplantation Committee
- Update on the Continuous Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata – Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Committees
- Update Kidney Paired Donation Policy – Kidney Transplantation Committee
- Continued Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Guidance – Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Committee
- Continuous Distribution of Liver and Intestines Concept Paper – Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Committee
- Review of Liver and Intestine Variances in OPTN Policy – Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Committee

- Lung Allocation Score (LAS) Refinements and Cleanup (Phase 2) – Lung Transplantation Committee
- Review Lung Review Board Guidelines, Guidance, and Policy for Continuous Distribution – Lung Transplantation Committee
- Update Multi-Organ Allocation for Continuous Distribution of Lungs – Lung Transplantation Committee
- Modify Waiting Time for Candidates Affected by Race-Inclusive Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculations – Minority Affairs and Kidney Transplantation Committees
- Optimizing Usage of Kidney Offer Filters Concept Paper – Operations and Safety Committee
- Redefining Provisional Yes and the Approach to Organ Offers – Operations and Safety Committee
- Enhancements to OPTN Donor Data and Matching System Clinical Data Collection – Organ Procurement Organization Committee
- Apply Transplant Notification Requirements for Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Program Inactivation – VCA Transplantation Committee

Summary of discussion:

The Chair explained that the Committee will go into further detail on several public comment items, and that Committee members will be assigned specific items for deeper review. The Chair emphasized that the Committee has a big role in providing feedback, and can help shape OPTN Policy.

3. Provisional Yes Workgroup Interest

Staff presented an overview of the Provisional Yes Workgroup, which is seeking volunteers to represent the Committee and coordinator perspectives.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair asked how much of a commitment is involved for the Provisional Yes Workgroup. Staff responded that typically the Workgroups are a single, one hour call a month.

4. Committee Orientation

New members were oriented to the ongoing work of the Committee and the structure of the OPTN.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair encouraged members to speak up and ask questions, emphasizing the collaborative and interactive nature of committee work and the importance of active engagement. The Chair expressed excitement for the in-person Committee meeting in September, and encouraged members to attend. The Vice Chair agreed, and encouraged members to get involved as Workgroup opportunities, such as the Provisional Yes Workgroup, appear. The Vice Chair added that Workgroup participation is also a great way to get more involved with the transplant community and bring topics of discussion back to their programs.

Upcoming Meeting

- August 18, 2022

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Stacy McKean
 - Natalie Santiago-Blackwell
 - Ashley Anne Hamby
 - Ashley Cardenas
 - Heather Bastardi
 - Brenda Durand
 - Heather Miller-Webb
 - Jaime Myers
 - Karl Neumann
 - Kelsey McCauley
 - Madison Salazar
 - Melissa Walker
 - Robin Petersen-Webster
 - Sergio Manzano
 - Valinda Jones
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Megan Hayden
 - Raelene Skerda
 - Shiree Southerland
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Robert Hunter
 - Ross Walton
 - Alex Carmack
 - Kayla Temple
 - Kevin Daub
 - Matt Belton