

OPTN Board of Directors

Executive Summary

December 4, 2023

St. Louis, MO and Virtual

Dianne LaPointe Rudow, ANP-BC, DNP, FAAN, President

Richard Formica, MD, Vice President

Introduction

Dr. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, President of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 8:05am CT on December 4th, 2023. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

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Dr. LaPointe Rudow welcomed the Board to the meeting and presented a donor and recipient story for the Board's call to purpose.

Ms. Rebecca Murdock, Senior Policy Counsel, presented the action item approval process. Ms. Murdock explained the approach to voting on action items and the process for handling amendments and substitute resolutions.

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of June 26, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors held in St. Louis, MO (Executive Committee)
- *Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery* (Vascularized Composite Allograft Committee)
- *Deceased Donor Support Therapy Data Collection* (Operations and Safety Committee)
- *Remove CPRA 99-100% Form for Highly Sensitized Candidates* (Histocompatibility Committee)
- *Recognizing Seasonal and Geographically Endemic Infections in Organ Donors: Considerations for Deceased and Living Donation* (Disease Transmission and Advisory Committee)

Dr. Maureen McBride, OPTN Executive Director, delivered a report to the Board on the ongoing work of the OPTN. Dr. McBride highlighted continuous distribution, increasing equity in transplantation, the development of the Expedious Task Force, and the proposed OPTN Strategic Plan which will be available for Winter 2024 Public Comment.

Dr. Suma Nair, Associate Administrator for the Health System Bureau, provided the Board with an update on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) OPTN Modernization Initiative. Dr. Nair entertained questions from the Board on the matter.

The Board of Directors and HRSA met in a closed session.

Mr. PJ Geraghty, Chair of the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee, presented the *Modify Organ Offer Acceptance Limit* proposal on behalf of the committee. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Andrew Flescher, Chair of the Ethics Committee presented the *Ethical Analysis of Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP)* white paper on behalf of the committee. The white paper was approved by the Board.

Mr. David Marshman, Co-Chair of the Expeditious Task Force, provided an update to the Board on the work of the task force to-date. Mr. Marshman shared the bold aims the task force has established and invited the Board and all other attendees to participate in breakout groups, rating the task force's potential solutions based on their impact and effort.

Dr. Richard Formica, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided an update to the Board on the committee's work during the summer and fall of 2023. Dr. Formica presented the proposed slate of nominees for the 2024 Board of Directors election. The slate of nominees was approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrea Tietjen, Treasurer and Chair of the OPTN Finance Committee, and Mr. Dale Smith, Chief Financial Officer, provided a report to the Board. They presented the FY23 Financial Performance Summary, the FY24 Budget, and the FY24 Operating Cash Forecasts. The Board approved funding from the OPTN Operating Account on multiple initiatives, and the Board reaffirmed approval of their June 26, 2023 vote on the FY24 OPTN Operating Budget.

Dr. Zoe Stewart Lewis, Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC), presented the *Require Reporting of Patient Safety* proposal on behalf of the committee. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Richard Daly, Chair of the Heart Transplantation Committee, presented the policy proposal to *Amend Adult Heart Status 2 Mechanical Device Requirements* on behalf of the committee. The proposal was approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors met in a closed session for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm CT.