

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Match Run Rules Workgroup
Meeting Summary
February 17, 2022
Conference Call**

Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Chair

Introduction

The Match Run Rules Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 02/17/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Overview and Goals
2. Review and Discussion: Group Assignments Report Outs

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

1. Project Overview and Goals

The Workgroup reviewed the purpose of the Match Run Rules project.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup will work to improve processes to increase the efficiency of organ offer, review, and acceptance system and reduce overall organ allocation time. The Workgroup will review and propose modifications to current OPTN policies.

2. Review and Discussion: Group Assignment Report Outs

Summary of discussion:

The Chair stated that the Workgroup will need to discuss how to create appropriate policy language for the suggested transplant program responsibilities.

A member stated the Workgroup will need to clarify the meaning of primary offers across organ types for the tiered framework. The member added that the Workgroup will also need to discuss timeframes for organ offers and acceptances.

Another member asked if there is a refusal code for a candidate refusing an organ offer to account for those specific circumstances. Other members confirmed.

A member stated that the proposed transplant program responsibilities are reasonable but expressed concern regarding the workload associated with each. The member suggested that these responsibilities may promote efficient waitlist management, and should be communicated to the transplant community in that way.

Another member suggested the Workgroup contact organizations who are contracted to receive organ offers for additional feedback. A member responded that receiving feedback from external organizations may not be beneficial to the goals of this project. Another member suggested that the administration of transplant programs who contract with organizations for organ offers may be the type of group to contact for feedback.

The Chair of the Workgroup encouraged the members to speak with their respective colleagues in order to gather additional feedback to support the development of this project.

The Workgroup agreed that more clarity is needed for primary offers, especially in regards to kidney offers. The Workgroup also agreed more clarity is needed for multi-organ transplant policy.

Next Steps:

The Workgroup will continue discussions during their next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- March 17, 2022 (teleconference)
- April 21, 2022 (teleconference)
- May 19, 2022 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Chris Curran
 - Jennifer Muriett
 - Jill Campbell
 - John Stallbaum
 - Kimberly Koontz
 - Steve Potter
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Bonnie Felice
 - Carlos Martinez
 - Charles Fenderson
 - Joann White
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Kerrie Masten
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Leah Slife
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Melissa Lane
 - Susan Tlusty