

**OPTN Executive Committee
Prioritization Work Group
Meeting Summary
March 15, 2024
Webex**

Andrea Tietjen, MBA, CPA, Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Executive Committee Prioritization Work Group met via Webex teleconference on 03/15/2024 to discuss the following agenda item:

1. Introduction, goals, and approach
2. Survey Feedback
3. Homework and next steps

1. Introduction, goals, and approach

Andrea Tiejjen welcomed the members. The workgroup reviewed their charge to develop a prioritization process, communicate and implement the process, and exemplify the use of the process.

2. Survey Feedback

The workgroup reviewed their progress to date. Ms. Tietjen shared that last Tuesday she had a discussion with HRSA representatives where they inquired about the work group. Ms. Tietjen relayed that HRSA was impressed by the progress made and Ms. Tietjen thanked the group for working.

In preparation for the meeting, members provided feedback on two separate solution options: 1) Early Prioritization and 2) Strategic Plan Alignment. Feedback from surveys on both options indicated a need for consistency, transparency, and committee involvement in the decision-making process. The work group reviewed the feedback categorized by pros and cons of each solution. The members then reviewed a new hybrid option that was created based on the feedback from both early prioritization option and the strategic plan alignment option. Some participants expressed concerns about the rigidity of aligning ideas with specific metrics and suggested leaving room for new ideas that may not directly align with the strategic plan. The group discussed the tool having filtering capability to align ideas with strategic plan goals and the bold aim of the Task Force to reach 60,000 transplants.

Summary of Discussion:

The members discussed the hybrid option and whether it met the opportunities identified by their feedback. The committee agreed the hybrid option is a good framework that encompasses their identified needs. The workgroup agreed that strategic plan alignment should be considered in prioritization.

3. Homework and next steps

The work group came to consensus that the hybrid third option is a good framework they can work to refine further. Next steps will include a survey for the work group members to share potential solutions for idea intake and roles for feedback. During the next meeting, the group will discuss survey feedback

and proposed solutions. It was noted that members would prefer to provide feedback on both proposed solutions.

Summary of Discussion:

Ms. Tiejen thanked the group and support staff for their work, ideas, and engagement. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm ET.

Attendance

- **Work Group Members**
 - Andrea Tietjen
 - Erika Lease
 - George Surratt
 - Ginny McBride
 - Jim Sharrock
 - Kim Koontz
- **HRSA Representatives**
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- **UNOS Staff**
 - Anna Messmer
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - James Alcorn
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Morgan Jupe
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Trish Jasion
 - Trung Le