

## **OPTN Board of Directors**

### **Executive Summary**

**June 27, 2022**

**Richmond, VA and Virtual**

**Matthew Cooper, MD, President**

**Jerry McCauley, MD, Vice President**

## **Introduction**

Dr. Matthew Cooper, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) President, called the meeting to order at 8:30am ET on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

### **1. OPTN Board of Directors Meeting**

Christopher McLaughlin, Senior Advisor, and Shannon Taitt, Acting Chief of the Organ Transplantation Branch, addressed the Board with a presentation on the OPTN and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The presentation focused on HRSA's oversight of the OPTN, OPTN statutory and regulatory framework, as well as details of the OPTN contract.

Following the presentation from HRSA, the Board approved three new Board members: Mr. Robert Goodman (Patient and Donor Affairs Representative), Mr. Barry Massa (At-Large OPO Representative), and Mr. Jeffrey Orłowski (Region 4 Councillor).

The Board approved the following resolutions on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of December 6, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors held in Dallas, TX (Executive Committee)
- Appointment of OPTN Committee Chairs (Executive Committee)
- *Cross Organ Data Alignment* (Executive Committee)
- *Revise OPTN Charter* (Executive Committee)
- *CPRA Calculation Changes* (Histocompatibility Committee)
- *Pediatric Candidate Pre-Transplant HIV, HBV, and HCV Testing* (Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory and Pediatric Committees)
- *Correction to Primary Pediatric Liver Transplant Physician Requirements* (Liver and Intestinal Organ Committee)
- *Modify Graft Failure Definition for VCA* (VCA Committee)

Mr. Brian Shepard, OPTN Executive Director, shared a first-year report on the 2021-2024 OPTN Strategic Plan. Ms. Anne Zehner (UNOS), Dr. Tatenda Mupfudze (UNOS), and Dr. Ryan Ehrensberger (UNOS) presented on the OPTN Social Determinants of Health Special Study Projects.

Dr. Cooper delivered the Executive Committee Report to the Board, highlighting the Committee's work on the *Redesign Map of OPTN Regions Project*. Based on community feedback, the Committee decided to maintain the current regional map, but made a variety of enhancements to OPTN governance through the Regional Nominations Work Group and the Patient Engagement Work Group. The Executive Committee committed to reviewing regional map boundaries again, prior to April 25, 2025.

Dr. Nicole Turgeon presented the Policy Oversight Committee report to the Board.

Dr. James Pomposelli, Chair of the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee, presented *Ongoing Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Diagnoses and Improving Liver Allocation: MELD, PELD, Status 1A, Status 1B* proposals and guidance documents. The proposals and guidance documents were approved by the Board.

The Board approved the *Modify Living Donor Exclusion Criteria* proposal from the Living Donor Committee, presented by Dr. Nahel Elias (Vice Chair).

The Board approved the *Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation* proposal from the Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee.

The Board briefly convened in a closed session for the purpose of confidential routine membership and administrative business.

Dr. Kenneth Kizer and Mr. Dennis Wagner presented recommendations and conclusions from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics report: *Realizing the Promise of Equity in the Organ Transplantation System*.

Mr. Dale Smith, Director of Finance (UNOS), and Mr. Brad Kornfeld, Treasurer, presented the Finance Committee report to the Board. The Board approved the FY 2023 operating budget, and the registration fee of \$944.

Dr. Rachel Forbes, Chair of the Pancreas Transplantation Committee, shared an update on continuous distribution of kidneys and pancreata. The committees plan to release a concept paper in August 2022.

Dr. Martha Pavlakis and Dr. Jim Kim, Chair and Vice Chair of the Kidney Transplantation Committee presented the *Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy and Standardize Kidney Biopsy Reporting and Data Collection* proposals. Both proposals were approved by the Board. Dr. Pavlakis then presented the *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race-Neutral eGFR Calculations* proposal, which was also approved by the Board.

Dr. McCauley presented the Nominating Committee report to the Board.

Ms. Kimberly Rallis, Chair of the Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC), Mr. Alex Tulchinsky (UNOS), and Mr. Rob McTier (UNOS) presented the NOOC report to the Board.

Dr. Cooper closed the meeting by delivering the President's Address and thanked the Board for their service. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm ET.