

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
July 14, 2015
Conference Call**

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Discussions of the full committee on July 14, 2015 are summarized below and will be reflected in the committee's next report to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. Meeting summaries and reports to the Board are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Committee Projects

1. Guidance on Informed Consent for Living Donors Representing Vulnerable and High Risk Populations

The Minority Affairs Committee (hereafter, referred to as the Committee) past chair briefed the Committee on the status of the guidance document. The UNOS Board tabled the project at the June Board meeting and requested the Committee work with the Living Donor Committee (LDC) to address their concerns. The workgroup, comprised of members from the Minority Affairs, Living Donor, and Ethics Committees, will reconvene in August and expedite work on the resource to ensure its completion to coincide with the December 2015 Board meeting.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

None

Implemented Committee Projects

None

Review of Public Comment Proposals

None

Public comment period begins August 14, 2015. The Committee will review relevant public comment proposals at its September in person meeting.

Other Significant Items

2. New Project Discussion

The Committee discussed a potential new project idea that was brought up during its March 2015 meeting relating to older populations in regard to Kidney Allocation System (KAS) and in general. The Committee will collaborate with the Kidney Transplantation Committee to monitor any concerns. It was requested that Committee members review the KAS monitoring plan in addition to the KAS "out of the gate" monthly monitoring reports. At the September in person meeting, the Committee will discuss the concerns surrounding older populations and what problems could be analyzed/addressed that would address the OPTN Strategic Plan goals: to increase the number of transplants or provide equity in access to transplants.

Another project the Committee would like to discuss is changing the committee name and charge to incorporate a broader idea of the vulnerable populations it should serve.

3. Patient Affairs Committee (PAC) Update on Gap Time analysis

UNOS staff provided an update on the PAC Gap Time analysis project. As a result of this update, the Committee requested that a MAC representative participate with the PAC on this project. This person will call in for PAC meetings during times they are scheduled to discuss this project, actively provide feedback to the PAC regarding this issue from a MAC perspective (not just minority but also other vulnerable populations perspective), and provide updates to the MAC on the PAC's progress during full committee meetings.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 15, 2015 – In person - Chicago, IL