

OPTN/UNOS Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)
Meeting Summary
September 4, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on September 4, 2014, 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. Data Submission & Accuracy in Reporting

This proposal modifies Policy 18 to state explicitly that members must submit accurate data and that members are responsible for providing documentation to verify the accuracy of their data. On this conference call, staff presented the Committee with public comment responses received and the proposed responses to the public comments. The Committee decided to add the words "upon request" to the proposed language and unanimously agreed to present the proposal to the Board at its November 2014 meeting.

2. Bylaw Proposal - requests for exceptions based on geographic isolation

This proposal amends the Bylaws and establishes a mechanism by which the MPSC can make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Board might consider designating and approving a transplant program which cannot meet key personnel qualifying criteria because the applicant is located in a prescribed geographically isolated area, specifically Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska.

Based on the comments the Committee unanimously decided to amend the proposal and remove the phrase "but not limited to" so that it is clear that only programs in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will be eligible for the exception to the bylaw. The Committee unanimously agreed to present the proposal to the Board at its November 2014 meeting.

Summary of Peer Review Actions:

3. Member Related Actions and Key Personnel Changes:

- The Committee took the actions reported below during its meeting and will ask the Board of Directors to approve the following recommendations during the November 12-13, 2014, meeting:

New Members

- Approved 1 new Individual member

Existing Members

- Approve 12 new VCA programs

- Additionally, the Committee approved 3 changes in primary laboratory director/technical supervisor/clinical consultant.

4. Member Related Policy Compliance Reviews:

- The Committee reviewed additional documentation submitted by two members participating in due process based on the Committee's previous recommendations for adverse actions. The Committee also reviewed a newly reported potential policy violation under the Expedited Review Pathway.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 15, 2014, Hearing Chicago
- October 7, 2014, Conference Call, 1-3:00 pm
- December 9-11, 2014, Chicago
- March 24-26, 2015
- July 14-16 , 2015
- October 27-29, 2015