

**OPTN/UNOS Operations and Safety Committee  
Meeting Summary  
July 28, 2015  
Conference Call**

**Theresa Daly, Chair  
David Marshman, Vice Chair**

*Discussions of the full committee on July 28, 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. Improvements to Vessel Disposition Reporting**

The OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors approved a proposal sponsored by the Operations and Safety Committee that would require reporting of extra vessels disposition within seven days of use or destruction. While approved in November 2012, the policy implementation date was made dependent on programming an electronic form to replace paper reporting.

Policy requirements were reviewed with members. Programming is currently underway. Information technology staff provided a demonstration of the application in development. The extra vessels reporting feature will be a separate tab in TEIDI. UNet access and program specific permissions will need to be granted to report electronically. Add, destroy, shared, and other vessel disposition reporting was demonstrated. In addition, search functionality was shown. Users will be able to view and edit data for the program. It was explained that permissions can be limited to this functionality and will be program not hospital specific.

One member questioned if OPOs will be able to search because some OPOs report on behalf of transplant programs. It was explained that the transplant hospital site administrator will need to grant permissions and then the OPO can act as a proxy and report for the program. Members commented that this application will be a big improvement over paper. TransNet will also be programmed to enable scanning of vessels although these development dates are not yet available. The TEIDI reporting will go live on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. One member asked what would fit in the other category for disposition reporting. It was noted that this could be used for research and that Member Quality will monitor and review these situations.

Instructional Innovations is developing an educational plan. Communications will go out soon to help members prepare in advance such as adding users now so that on implementation day specific vessels reporting permissions can be added by site administrators. Read only and full access ability to add, edit, and search will be two types of permissions. The education efforts will demonstrate reporting of various scenarios and provide links for available vessels resources.

## **Other Significant Items**

### **2. OPTN Strategic Plan**

The recently approved 2015-18 OPTN Strategic Plan was reviewed. It was explained how modifications were a community driven process. Regional meeting attendees, committee chairs and vice chairs, and OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors (BOD) members voted on the desired top priority areas. The overwhelming majority of all audiences voted that increasing the number of transplants and increasing access to transplant should be the top priority areas. Five goals were developed. The transplant and living donor safety goals were combined. The BOD approved the new strategic plan in June 2015. A new feature in the plan is targeting specific percentages of resources to each goal based on the priorities voted on by the community. For example, 40% of resources are targeted to be used for projects increasing transplant.

The current project portfolio is being shifted to meet these targets. The committee chairs and Executive BOD leadership had a call earlier today to answer questions about this process and to further ongoing and open dialogue. Committee projects may be put on hold or not approved to assure that the work being done will move into alignment with the new resource allocations.

The chair explained that for this committee we will need to brainstorm how to make the operations part of the committee support the top two goals. Safety will be embedded in all projects. The Committee will be working on how we can support the new plan.

### **3. Yearly Calendar and Committee Work plan**

Members were reminded of the calendar published with all key dates including monthly calls, subcommittee meetings, and in-person meetings. The Committee will hold its in-person meeting on October 13, 2015 in Chicago, IL at the O'Hare Hilton. At that meeting, we plan to be voting on two proposals (infectious disease verification and mandatory OPO TransNet use) to send out for spring 2016 public comment. The committee will also complete its six-month review of safety data.

### **4. Regional Meetings**

The draft regional meeting slides were reviewed with members. These slides are an update of committee activities.

### **5. Public Comment Proposals for Review**

The list of potential proposals was reviewed. These are pending approval for release by the Policy Oversight and Executive Committees. Once approved the OSC will select which proposals to formally consider and provide comments.

## **Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- August 25, 2015 (teleconference meeting)
- September 2015 (teleconference meeting)
- October 13, 2015 (In-person meeting)