

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee
Meeting Summary
July 15, 2015
Conference Call

Jamie Bucio, Chair
Sarah Nicholas, Vice Chair

Discussions of the full committee on July 15, 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. Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status

The Committee Chair provided a brief overview of the proposal and updated the Committee on the project's status. In November 2014, the goal of this project changed from being a policy proposal to an educational project that would develop effective patient notification and waitlist practices articles and educational materials for professionals and patients. The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) voted to send this project to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee decided the project should be placed on hold due to not yielding enough evidence that it will significantly improve access to transplant. Therefore, the Committee has discontinued working on this project and will reevaluate the need to change the scope of the project and resubmit it to the POC for approval.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

1. None

Implemented Committee Projects

2. None

Review of Public Comment Proposals

3. None

Other Significant Items

4. Committee Orientation and Joint Committee Work Group Updates

The Committee received a committee specific orientation, update on the Liver and Intestine Committee's liver redistricting projects, an update on UNOS Instructional Innovations current activities, and an update on the POC's activities.

5. TCC Education Work Group Update

The Education Work Group initially started back in November. This Work Group's role is to work with UNOS instructional innovations to provide input and feedback on OPTN and UNOS instructional efforts. It will also discuss educational requests that are brought forth by the OPTN committees and collaborate with them. Currently, the group has been looking at the issues surrounding organ allocation and acceptances.

The Work Group requested that UNOS staff present DonorNet enhancements on the next full committee conference call. This presentation will review enhancements that have already been made to DonorNet and if there are any future enhancements scheduled to be made. Committee members will also be able to provide enhancement suggestions and receive updates on the DonorNet Discussion Forum.

This Work Group will also write and submit articles for the NATCO Newsletter to provide an update on the Committee's projects and the progress of the Proposal to Notify Patients Having an Extended Inactive Status project. This article would include the Committee's responses to the themes identified after public comment (burden, regulatory/compliance, and education).

Upcoming Meetings

- August 19, 2015 (conference call)
- September 23, 2015 (Chicago, IL)