

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
January 22, 2016
Chicago, IL**

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Discussions of the full committee on January 22nd, 2016 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/> .

Public Comment Approval

Before each public comment period, the Executive Committee reviews and approves which committee proposals will be distributed for community and public input. The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) performs an extensive review of the proposals and will present a recommendation to the Executive Committee prior to the vote. The POC reviews the proposals to ensure that each aligns with the OPTN strategic plan, the committee has collaborated with all the appropriate stakeholders, and the proposal is clearly written and explained. The Executive Committee is asked to review the proposals to ensure that all align with the OPTN strategic plan and the timing and level of resource allocation for the proposals is appropriate for the benchmarks outlined in the plan. The Committee reviewed a portfolio of nine proposals and how they aligned with the strategic plan benchmarks:

1. Increase the number of transplants

- None.

2. Increase equity in access to transplants

- Kidney Allocation System (KAS) clarifications and clean up (Kidney Transplantation)
- Simultaneous liver-kidney allocation (Kidney Transplantation)
- Modification of the heart allocation system (Thoracic)
- National Liver Review Board (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation)

3. Improve waitlisted patient, living donor and transplant recipient outcomes

- None.

4. Promote living donor and transplant recipient safety

- Add equivalences for DQA1 (Histocompatibility)
- Modification to HOPE Act open variance policy (OPO)
- Modifications to how new donor information received post-transplant is reported to recipient centers (DTAC)
- Standardize an organ coding system for tracking of organs (Operations and Safety)

5. Promote the efficient management of the OPTN

- List covered body parts pertaining to VCA (VCA)

The Committee discussed the fact that there are no projects being proposed in this public comment cycle that align with the goal to increase the number of transplants. UNOS staff explained that there have been a number of ideas generated by the committees, but those ideas are still in earlier stages at this time. UNOS staff added that there are several major projects in pending implementation that will impact this goal. The Committee requested that the Executive Committee review the overall portfolio (showing projects in all stages by strategic plan alignment) on a future call. UNOS staff assured the Committee that this was slated for a February or March meeting agenda.

The Committee also discussed the HOPE Act proposal. Upon recommendation from the POC, the Committee agreed that is appropriate to change the sponsoring committee on this proposal from from the OPO Committee to the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously (9-yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions) to approve the 9 proposals to be distributed for public comment.

The OPTN public comment period is scheduled for January 25-March 25, 2016. During this time, proposals will be open for comment on the OPTN website (<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/public-comment/>) and will be presented at each of the 11 OPTN/UNOS regional meetings across the country.

Member Approvals

Subsequent to the December 2015 Board meeting, the MPSC approved two OPTN members. In accordance with the Bylaws, these members are granted interim membership status until final approval by the Board. In order for these members to be eligible to vote in the annual Board election in 2016, the Executive Committee would need to grant full membership status prior to the election. Otherwise, they will not be eligible for full member status until the June 2016 Board meeting. These actions are typically approved as part of the non-discussion agenda at the Board meeting.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved (9-yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions) full membership status for the Stanford Blood Center—Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory and the American Foundation for Donation and Transplantation.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 14, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM EST
- April 14, 2016, 1:00-2:00pm EST