

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee  
Meeting Summary  
November 17, 2015  
Conference Call**

**Jerry McCauley, MD, MPH, Chair  
Sylvia Rosas, MD, MSCE, Vice Chair**

*Discussions of the full committee on November 17, 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. MAC Name Change**

UNOS staff provided the Minority Affairs Committee (hereafter, referred to as the Committee) with an update on this project. UNOS staff shared relevant data elements currently collected and that a literature search on vulnerable populations who face barriers to access to transplantation was underway. There was substantial debate regarding what populations would fall under the Committee's purview, especially as there are several standing Committees that currently serve constituencies that could be deemed vulnerable. In addition, at any given time, different populations could fulfill the definition of "minority" or "vulnerable" and often can be both. The Committee also deliberated what they would be called. This project is presently on hold.

**2. Blood Type B candidates and A2/A2B kidneys**

UNOS staff presented general information on this project to the Committee, including the problem and possible barriers to centers participating in this element of KAS. A workgroup has formed and will be led by Irene Kim, MD from Region 5. The workgroup's next steps are to determine whether a survey of kidney programs will capture the information the Committee desires and if not, what methodology they prefer to use instead. The goal for submitting this project to the POC for consideration is mid-year 2016.

**Other Significant Items**

**3. Policy Oversight Committee Update**

The Vice Chair shared information from the November 12 POC meeting. The POC reviewed a proposed work plan for the multi-organ project. In addition, POC members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the committee portfolio report, which serves to update committees on the overall strategic alignment of committee work. The Committee Chair commented that a Committee member should serve on all multi-organ workgroups.

**4. Histocompatibility Committee Update – KAS Desensitization**

The Histocompatibility Committee provided the Committee with select preliminary results of the KAS Desensitization survey. The Histocompatibility Committee's next step is to determine whether a policy change is warranted to address this issue.

**5. Pediatric Transplantation Committee Update – Pediatrics Bylaws Proposal**

The Pediatrics Transplantation Committee Chair provided an update on the post-public comment changes to the Pediatrics Bylaws proposal. The Committee Chair called for a vote to gauge whether the Committee was supportive of the proposal in light of the changes. The Committee voted (Support-12, Oppose-0, Abstain-0) in support of the modified Pediatrics Bylaws proposal.

**6. Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee Update – Liver Redistricting project**

The Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee Chair provided an update on the liver redistricting project. The Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee's next steps are putting the National Liver Review Board proposal out for public comment during the spring 2016 cycle and to review concentric circles modeling results. The Committee will continue to monitor this project.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- January 19, 2016