

OPTN/UNOS Organ Procurement Organization Committee
Meeting Summary
December 19, 2014
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on December 19, 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. HIV Organ Policy Equity (Hope) Act

The Committee reviewed the final policy language for the second public comment proposal related to the Hope Act. The Committee unanimously supported the language moving forward to public comment on January 27, 2015.

2. Limit Paper Documentation Subcommittee

The Committee was provided with a brief update from the subcommittee. The subcommittee met by conference call on December 8, 2014 to review responses to a memorandum sent to the Transplant Administrators Committee and Transplant Coordinators Committee. The subcommittee will continue working with the committees to reach agreements on how to best communicate the necessary information during allocation and transport of organs to the transplant centers.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

Not discussed

Implemented Committee Projects

Not discussed

Review of Public Comment Proposals

Not discussed

Other Business

3. Implementation of Kidney Allocation System

The Committee discussed some of the issues that have occurred during the first few weeks of KAS implementation. The Committee agreed to collate the concerns and issues from committee members and distribute the document to the KAS Implementation subcommittee.

4. Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Subcommittee Update

The Committee was provided with a brief update on the work of this joint subcommittee. The subcommittee is reviewing Policy 5.8 (Allocation of Multi-Organ Combinations) and developing a proposal to better identify what candidates require a simultaneous liver-

kidney transplant. The subcommittee is also working on a “safety net” to allow recipients of a liver transplant to receive additional priority for a kidney transplant if kidney function does not improve. The subcommittee will be requesting input from the OPO Committee once a draft proposal is finalized in Spring 2015.

5. Liver Redistricting Work Groups

The Committee was provided an update on the ad hoc work groups that were formed following the liver redistricting forum held in September 2014. The ad hoc work groups include 1) Metrics of Disparity and Optimization of Distribution 2) Finance 3) Transportation and Logistics and 4) Increasing Liver Donation and Utilization. The work groups each have representation from the OPO community with the plan for a second liver redistricting forum in June 2015.

6. DTAC Memo about Re-Execution of the Match Run

The Committee briefly discussed a memorandum sent to the OPO Committee leadership. The OPO Committee has been actively involved in the development of this proposal to require the re-execution of the match run when final infectious disease testing results are received that could affect candidates appearing on the match run. The OPO Committee will review this proposal again during the Spring 2015 public comment period.

Upcoming Meeting

- March 31, 2015