

**OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**June 22, 2016**  
**Conference Call**

**Eileen Brewer, M.D., Chair**  
**William Mahle, M.D., Vice Chair**

*Discussions of the full committee on June 22, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

**Committee Projects Pending Implementation**

**1. Pediatric Transplantation Training and Experience Consideration in OPTN Bylaws**

UNOS staff shared early discussions regarding a communication plan on training and experience requirements for key personnel at pediatric transplant programs. This plan will continue to take shape over the next month and specifics will be shared with the Committee at future calls/meetings.

**Other Significant Items**

**2. OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors Update**

The Chair updated the Committee on three items of interest from the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors meeting. This included:

- Simultaneous liver/kidney allocation
- Liver Re-districting
- National Liver Review Board

The Committee will receive updates on the Liver Re-districting and NLRB proposals during the public comment period from August 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016.

**3. Update from UNOS leadership regarding incident affecting recent KDPI scores**

The UNOS Chief Medical Officer provided an update to the Committee on an error in Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) calculations between April 20, 2016 and May 19, 2016. The update shared with the Committee is identical to the information shared with the Board in June 2016. Additionally the CMO provided an overview of the corrective actions taken by UNOS to prevent future occurrence of this, or similar issues.

**4. Pediatric to Adult Transition**

At the last OPTN/UNOS Board meeting, Committees were encouraged to consider projects in alignment with Goals I (Increasing Transplants) and III (Improving Wait List, Recipient, and Living Donor Outcomes) of the OPTN Strategic Plan. Sharon Bartosh was in attendance for this meeting and felt the Committee's project idea to address problems in pediatric transition was well-aligned with Goal III. The Committee briefly discussed this new project idea and felt it was appropriate to form a working group to develop a framework for this new project idea. Volunteers for the project were identified and UNOS staff will reach out to in-coming Committee members for their interest in the new project. UNOS staff will also report on two data requests related to this new project idea in October 2016.

## **5. Update from Pediatric Liver Working Group**

The Chair of the Liver Working Group shared an update with the Committee following a conference call on June 3, 2016. Following the presentation, the Committee discussed the Strategic Goal alignment and the current resource constraints for projects that align with Goal II (Increasing Access). The consensus of the Committee is that pediatric liver transplant candidates as a population have access to transplantation. These liver transplant candidates, especially very young candidates, are detrimentally impacted from lack of appropriate size matched donors and rapid progression of liver disease. Therefore, the Committee feels this project will reduce or eliminate Waiting List mortality and most directly aligns with Goal III of the OPTN Strategic Plan (Improving Waiting List, Living Donor, and Transplant Recipient Outcomes).

The Working Group will continue to meet to develop the project idea and report back to the Committee at future conference calls/meetings. A target date to approach the OPTN/UNOS Policy Oversight Committee with this project idea has not been identified.

## **6. Implementation Monitoring of Pediatric Heart Allocation Changes**

On May 18, 2016, the Vice Chair shared a summary of a presentation by colleagues at Vanderbilt University Hospital on the incidence of heart status 1A exceptions and the historical appearance of regional variation. The Committee requested follow-up information on the recent changes to Pediatric Heart Allocation be provided to see if regional variation was indeed an issue. UNOS staff updated the Committee with plan to share post-implementation monitoring data at Committee meetings in October 2016 and April 2017. Feedback to the Thoracic Committee will follow after a review of this data.

## **7. Committee Membership Changes**

The Chair expressed her appreciation to the members of the Committee for their diligent work and support during her tenure. Additionally, she recognized the members whose terms were concluding at the end of this month, and introduced the new members who will be starting three-year terms on July 1, 2016.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- July 29, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- August 17, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- September 21, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- October 19, 2016 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Eastern (Chicago, IL)
- November 16, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)
- December 21, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern (conference call)