

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
July 19, 2016
Conference Call**

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

Discussions of the full committee on July 19th, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

New Committee Member Orientation

1. Staff provided an overview, specific to the Minority Affairs Committee for new committee members. Major topics covered included committee structure and important dates, current projects, the policy development process, and research overviews. There were no major questions or concerns from new committee members.

June Board of Directors Meeting Update

2. The Chair reviewed the five policies approved at the June 2016 Board of Directors meeting. There were no significant comments or questions. The Chair then reviewed graphs aligning the OPTN project portfolio with the OPTN strategic plan, in addition to Board and Committee demographics by gender and race (minority/Caucasian). The Chair explained that the Board would like to increase diversity on both the Board and Committees in the coming months. The Chair is serving on a workgroup to explore strategies associated with this effort.

Committee Projects

3. Blood Type B candidates and A2/A2B kidneys

The workgroup Chair provided an update on the survey sent to all kidney transplant programs to better understand why centers are not utilizing a voluntary KAS provision proven to increase the number of transplants. There was a twenty percent response rate as on July 19th. Survey results will be presented by staff at the September 20th full committee meeting. The workgroup will then determine next steps.

4. Cultural Competency

Staff provided an update on a project to increase the number of living donor transplants among minority cultures. A webinar or a webinar series will be created after September. Workgroup members were requested from the Minority Affairs, Kidney, and Living Donor Committees. A literature review is being created by Staff and will be presented at the September full committee.

Other Significant Items

5. Staff is producing a committee update in the form of slides for the fall OPTN Regional Meetings.
6. A proposal to collect data on waitlisted patients who have hemophilia was presented to the OPTN/UNOS and referred to the Committee. The Committee agreed that more

comprehensive data should be collected before initiating a project to standardize collection of this data nationally.

7. Committee leadership requested a program overview from a living donor Jewish outreach nonprofit organization in New York. Leadership would like a presentation at the September meeting. Staff will pursue this.
8. Requests for workgroup members included the Cultural Competency (Minority Affairs) Workgroup, and a new workgroup forming to explore Deceased Donor Kidney Chains (Kidney). Interested committee members can contact staff for referral.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 20, 2016, Chicago