

OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC)
Meeting Summary
July 21, 2016
Chicago, IL

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Discussions of the full committee on July 21, 2016 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. None

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

2. None

Implemented Committee Projects

3. None

Review of Public Comment Proposals

4. None

Other Significant Items

5. ABO Policy Implementation (Operations and Safety Committee)

The Committee was provided the opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding the operationalization of ABO policies that were implemented on June 23, 2016. They were also informed of available ABO verification resources. Several questions and concerns regarding the actual ABO verification process, operational challenges, and what is considered acceptable source documentation were discussed and clarified during the presentation.

6. UNOS Instructional Innovations Updates

Instructional Innovations provided a live demonstration on how to use the new Learning Management System (LMS) or UNOSConnect. Instructional Innovations will also be developing core competencies for UNetsm and will be requesting the TAC's feedback on information that should be included. All upcoming instructional events and projects were also reviewed.

7. CMS Interpretive Guidelines

The Committee reviewed the letter AST submitted to CMS regarding the changes in the Interpretive Guidelines and agreed with their recommendations. The process for OPTN/UNOS Committees responding to CMS federal notices was reviewed.

8. International KPD Discussion

A committee member expressed her interest in international kidney paired donation and policies associated with it. The member will work with the OPTN Kidney Paired Donation Work Group and will report back to the Committee.

9. Policy Review Project Idea

A project idea was discussed where the TAC would review current policies for relevance and need for updating to meet current practice. The idea was that the committee would review the policies and send those policies that are determined to need revision or reconsideration back to the sponsoring committee with comments/questions/ concerns to review and consider. This is not a project where the TAC would be changing the policies. This would be to review and provide feedback to the sponsoring committee and it would not be to review all policies at one time. The Committee discussed this and it was agreed that more discussion would need to occur before deciding to put this idea forward to the Policy Oversight Committee for approval.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 24, 2016 (Conference Call)
- September 28, 2016 (Conference Call)
- October 20, 2016 (Chicago, IL)