OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
June 6, 2016
Richmond, VA

Betsy Walsh, JD, Chair

Discussions of the full committee on June 6th, 2016 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 https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov .

OPTN Board Meeting Agenda Preview

The Executive Committee was provided a preview of the various sessions to be held at the OPTN Board of Directors Meeting, highlighting items such as the Finance report, an IT update including information on KDPI, breakout sessions, and a living donor stakeholder session.

Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Presentation of New Committee Projects

Sue Dunn, Chair of the POC, presented recommendations on new committee projects. Ms. Dunn explained that OPTN strategic Goals 2 (increase equity in access) and 4 (promote living donor and transplant recipient safety) are currently over-allocated and Goals 1 (increase the number of transplants) and 3 (improve outcomes) are under-allocated, though incremental progress has been made over time towards the Board's benchmark resource allocation. At the Executive Committee's request, the POC recommended projects primarily intended to impact Goals 1 and 3 during this meeting. The Committee approved the following projects:

Increase the number of transplants
- Repairing OPTN KPD Chains. (Kidney Committee)
- Allowing deceased donor chains in the OPTN KPD Pilot Program. (Kidney Committee)
- Guidance regarding organ donation by competent terminally ill donors. (Ethics Committee)
- Honoring first person consent and extending first person consent to include DCD. (Ethics Committee)
- Revise financial incentives for organ donation white paper. (Ethics Committee)

The Committee placed the following project on hold:

Improve waitlisted patient, living donor and transplant recipient outcomes
- Changes to KAS CPRA and priority for patients undergoing desensitization. (Histocompatibility Committee)

The Executive Committee questioned whether this project was primarily intended to impact recipient outcomes, especially since an earlier phase of the project was projected to impact equity in access for highly sensitized kidney candidates. Sue Dunn, Chair of the POC, explained that the Histocompatibility Committee reasoned that the scope of the project was changed and the intent shifted toward outcomes. The Executive Committee did not agree and voted to place this project on hold until the POC could revisit the primary strategic goal and additional resources are available for Goal 2 projects.

Retrospective Review of Clerical Policy Changes

UNOS staff presented three clerical policy changes for the Committee's retrospective review and approval, including:

> **Policy 4.10, Table 4-3:** HLA B Matching Antigen Equivalences did not have a colon in the table caption; a colon was added for consistency.
> **Policy 5: Tables 5-1, 5-2, and 5-3:** Incorrect caption numbers needed to be updated.
> **Policy 14.2.B:** Added a period to the item #1 in the list of ILDA protocol requirements for consistency.

Clerical corrections are defined as non-substantive edits to the Bylaws such as capitalization or punctuation, typographical or spelling errors, lettering or numbers updates, or correction to out-of-date cross-references. The Committee approved these changes.

Improving the Governance Structure and Recruitment Process for the Board/Committees

Besty Walsh, Chair of the Committee presented a proposal to create a new working group to look at the Board and committee governance structures. The Committee endorsed new Board job descriptions and the development of a governance subcommittee reporting to the Executive Committee. The governance subcommittee will develop a needs assessment and development plan to inform the Nominating Committee's work, perform and review a Board self-assessment, and suggest recommendations for changes in Board structure.

The Committee also endorsed the creation of a working group to assess the OPTN's committee governance structure. The group will assess and make recommendations on committee structure, number and types, the committee member recruitment process, and options to increase committee and Board alignment.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 18, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM EST