

**OPTN Living Donor Committee  
Meeting Summary  
July 10, 2024  
Webex Meeting**

**Steven Gonzalez, MD, Chair  
Aneesha Shetty, MD, Vice Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Living Donor Committee (“Committee”) met via WebEx teleconference on 07/10/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Check-In and Updates

The following is a summary of the Committee’s discussions.

### **1. Project Check-In and Updates**

**No decisions were made.**

#### Presentation Summary:

The Chair presented a review of the Living Donor project plan consisting of granular review of living donor data elements and living donor candidate data collection and policy updates. The granular review consists of looking at the three living donor data forms to check for relevancy.

The Chair described the project approval process, stating that this project was approved by the OPTN Executive Committee, on the condition it can be completed by the January 2025 public comment cycle. The Chair also described the Committee’s connection to the Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients (SRTR) Living Donor Collective data registry, which is being used as a foundation and proof of concept for the project. He also reviewed three proposed phases of the data collection, which includes establishment of the data collection to begin accomplishing project goals, iteration based upon review, and periodic updates. Phase 1 includes collecting demographic and clinical information for living donor candidates. Phase 2 includes implementing recommendations from granular review to delete or prioritize data elements. Phase 3 establishes regular cadence for the committee to identify and address problems/updates needed for OPTN data forms and related policies. Establishing this phased approach is in direct response to the Executive Committee’s feedback about moving the project along faster.

Phase 1 includes the goal of collecting the donation decision for all registered living donor candidates as outlined by the living donor candidate definition as proposed by the Committee. Also, SRTR’s data collection elements will be reviewed and transferred to the OPTN. The committee suggested that the 24-month post-donation follow-up be removed to help balance burden.

#### Summary of discussion:

A member mentioned that by pausing the registration forms for review, then candidates will need another form for registration. The Chair stated that forms can be repurposed. The Vice Chair added that the phased approach allows for re-evaluation of the registration forms. A member asked about

increased resources, to which the Chair responded that it is important to remember what is important or not important in the project to prioritize what needs to be done.

## **2. Debrief: Board of Directors**

**No decisions were made.**

### Presentation Summary:

The immediate past Chair discussed his presentation to the Board of Directors in June, stating that he received positive feedback and a request from the Board for a “first step” proposal. The immediate past Chair described this as an opportunity for the committee to use their expertise to continually improve the living donation process. He stated that the seven improvement points presented to the Board can be worked on through collaboration with other committees in a method like a guidance document.

### Summary of discussion:

The Chair asked the committee their thoughts about the phase one combination of the data collection project and enhancing living donation work. The committee supported this.

### Next steps:

The committee will continue to discuss this at their upcoming meetings.

## **3. Orientation**

**No decisions were made.**

### Presentation Summary:

Staff gave a committee orientation for new members.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- August 14th, 2024

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Trysha Galloway
  - Tiffany Caza
  - Steve Gonzalez
  - Danielle Reuss
  - Nathan Osburn
  - Michael Cua
  - Laura Butler
  - Hoylan Fernandez
  - Milton Michael
  - Nahel Elias
  - Dylan Adamson
  - Ashtar Chami
  - Anita Patel
  - Alexandra Shingina
  - Aneesha Shetty
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Marilyn Levi
  - Nawraz Shawir
  - Mesmin Germain
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Krista Lentine
  - Katie Siegert
  - Caitlyn Nystedt
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Kieran McMahon
  - Jamie Panko
  - Laura Schmitt
  - Samantha Weiss
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Cole Fox