

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee  
Meeting Summary  
November 21, 2016  
Conference Call**

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

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

**Active Committee Projects**

**1. Blood Type B candidates and A2/A2B kidneys**

The workgroup Chair provided an update on work to submit two projects from the results of the A2A2B to B survey conducted on July. The workgroup would like to submit the idea for Policy Oversight Committee approval to create a guidance document. The goal is to increase participation in an optional provision proven to increase the number of transplants. The group would also like to produce a webinar to complement the guidance document, but Policy Oversight Committee approval is not needed for this. The guidance document and webinar would be shared with all kidney transplant programs.

**Action Item**

The full committee unanimously voted to send the guidance document project idea to the Policy Oversight Committee for approval

**2. Cultural Competency**

Staff provided an update in place of the workgroup lead. The workgroup plans to create a cultural competency webinar. A template that is adaptable for all minorities will be created. The staff member leading the webinar production detailed the timeline and communication plan. An outline will be created and based on the workgroup lead's suggested and proven techniques. It will be recorded in January and released in February. It does not need Policy Oversight Committee approval.

**Other Workgroup Updates**

**3. Deceased Donor Chain (Kidney Committee)**

A committee member participating in a new workgroup provided an overview. The group charge is to develop and propose a variance to the deceased kidney donor kidney allocation policy (KAS) that allow deceased donors to initiate Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) chains and/or incorporate List Exchanges into KPS chains. Right now, the group is developing an action plan, followed by developing a variance, followed by public comment. The workgroup representative will share progress with the Committee at the next meeting.

## **Other Items**

### **4. Board Diversity Workgroup**

The Chair is a member of this Board workgroup to create greater diversity in membership on the Board and on committees. The Chair reported that the group is still in a discussion phase.

### **5. Congressional Black Caucus Conference**

Staff represented Minority Affairs on a panel in September in Washington, D.C. Staff mostly discussed how revised kidney allocation reduced disparity in transplantation.

### **6. New Project Ideas**

The Chair discussed how the group might work to improve representation in underrepresented populations, minorities, or vulnerable populations. The Chair emphasized that it is important that the committee members serve on workgroups and weigh in on projects and ideas of other committees as they arise.

The Committee briefly discussed how the changes to liver allocation may affect equity in liver transplantation.

Staff urged Committee members to send any new project ideas to staff or leadership.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

- January 30, 2017, Conference Call