

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee  
Meeting Summary  
March 20, 2017  
Web Conference**

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*Discussions of the full committee on March 20, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.*

**Public Comment Approval**

1. In 2016, the Board of Directors endorsed a new process for the development and approval of OPTN/UNOS guidance. According to the new guidance development process, routine OPTN guidance must be distributed for public comment but can be distributed outside the normal public comment period, as long as the guidance public comment period is at least 30 days.

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) recently developed guidance in conjunction with the Joint Societies Working Group (American Society of Transplantation, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, and NATCO) regarding explaining patient risk associated with accepting an organ labeled as PHS high-risk. The Committee requested that the guidance be distributed for a special public comment period from March 27-April 25. UNOS staff reported that a webinar was planned in early April to get feedback on the proposed guidance. By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the guidance to be distributed for public comment prior to the June Board meeting.

**Other Requests**

2. UNOS management requested that the Executive Committee endorse a delayed implementation plan for the Kidney Committee's KPD Priority Points project, originally approved in December 2015. The project was originally approved for its potential long-term impact, but current KPD volumes suggest it will not have a significant effect in the immediate future. There are several major IT projects that could be accomplished in the same timeframe that could be accomplished more immediately and would have substantial impacts. The Executive Committee endorsed a plan to delay the project and revisit scheduling of implementation after Board approval of additional KPD work (the Kidney Committee is proposing an additional KPD project estimated to reach the Board for a decision in December 2017).

**Upcoming Meeting**

- April 24, 2017