

**OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2017
Conference Call**

**James Pittman, RN MSN, Chair
Nancy Metzler, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Transplant Administrators Committee (TAC) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 06/28/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Policy Oversight Committee Update
2. OPTN/UNOS Board Meeting Update

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

1. Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Update

Summary of discussion:

The TAC Vice-Chair provided an update on the activities of the POC for the month of May. The POC met in Richmond, VA on May 15-16, 2017. POC reviews new committee projects as requested monthly during regularly scheduled conference calls. The POC reviews all ongoing projects in the entire committee projects portfolio once a year at its spring in-person meeting. The OPTN Strategic Goals and current strategic alignment were reviewed and they also reviewed 15 new projects since last June. Recommendations for each of the projects were provided to the Executive Committee during monthly conference calls and at the in-person meeting in June. At its in-person meeting this past May, the POC reviewed 23 ongoing projects to determine if the sponsoring Committee was making appropriate progress and decide if the project should continue. The POC provided specific feedback on the projects to the sponsoring committees, then recommended to the Executive Committee that all 23 projects continue. The POC also reviews all public comment proposals. The next time they will do this is in July in preparation for the August 2017 public comment cycle.

2. OPTN/UNOS Board Meeting Update

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair provided the following update on the discussions that occurred during the June OPTN/UNOS Board meeting.

Liver/Intestine Committee

National Liver Review Board and NLRB Guidance – Members of the Board verbalized their support for the proposal. They were pleased to hear that effort to introduce consistency in MELD exceptions. Further, they were pleased to hear that the Median MELD at Transplant (MMaT) would be revisited every six months. The Board approved this project Yes – 36, No –1, Abstain – 0.

Liver Redistricting – An update was provided to the Board. SRTR has done a lot of research on different models (concentric circles, neighborhoods, districts). Additionally, there have been a handful of large public meetings to engage the community and stakeholders. The eight district model that has been historically discussed will not be pursued. The prevalent models that will be out for public comment will include:

- priority for MELD lab score candidates with broader sharing, and
- an increase of 5 points for MELD candidates in the same DSA as the donor.

The months ahead for this project will include public comment from July to October 2017, and tentative Board consideration in December 2017.

Disease Transmission Advisory Committee – The Board approved DTAC’s guidance on PHS increased risk donor organs.

OPO Committee – An update was provided to the Board re: an effort to optimize the function of DonorNet. Included in this proposal are modifications to organ acceptance time limits, ability to view films online, updated reporting features in DonorNet, a concept for program specific acceptance criteria, and policy changes to minimum information required for organ offers. This project will go out for public comment in July 2017.

Improving Allocation of En Bloc Kidneys - The Board declined to approve this proposal (16-21-0). The Board discussed the proposal and focused on three issues.

- 1) There is concern that the weight threshold for en bloc kidneys is too high
- 2) There is concern about relying on the current Policy 5.9 Released Organs for how to allocate kidneys that are allocated en bloc but later split
- 3) Whether this proposal will decrease discards. The committee will work on these issues and redistribute the proposal for fall public comment.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 12, 2017 (Richmond, VA)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - James Pittman
 - Nancy Metzler
 - Danika Medina
 - Kim Rallis
 - Renee Bennett
 - Betsy Stein
 - Debbie Mast
 - Tammy Sebers
 - Jason Huff
 - Angie Korsun
 - Audrey Kleet
 - Lauren Kearns
 - Yvette Chapman
 - Meg Rogers
 - Diesa Samp
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jessica Zeglin
- **OPTN/UNOS Staff**
 - Angel Carroll