

**OPTN/UNOS Ethics Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Ethics Committee met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 07/20/2017 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Committee Orientation
2. Current Projects
3. Update on the Deceased Donor KPD Chains Work Group
4. Other Significant Items

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

1. Committee Orientation

Summary of discussion:

Committee leadership postponed this presentation because the new members of the Committee were not in attendance.

Next steps:

Committee orientation will be provided a future meeting.

2. Current Projects

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair explained that there are objections to sending the white paper addressing financial incentives for organ donation for public comment. Updates on the status of the white paper will be provided when available.

The white paper addressing living organ donation by persons with certain fatal diseases who meet the criteria to be living donors should be sent for public comment. This white paper will be on the consent agenda for regional meetings so it is unlikely that committee members will need to present the proposal.

This white paper will be presented during a national webinar on August 10th.

Next steps:

The regional representative will be notified if this white paper is moved to the discussion agenda for their regional meeting.

3. Update on the Deceased Donor KPD Chains Work Group

The Region 8 representative for the Committee is serving on a work group investigating the use of deceased donor kidneys to start KPD chains, and he provided an overview of this project to date.

Summary of discussion:

The workgroup is led by the Kidney Committee. The Kidney Committee is preparing a concept paper for public comment that will present several options for how a deceased donor-initiated chain could work.

Next steps:

The Committee will consider and may provide feedback when a concept paper is out for fall public comment.

4. Other Significant Items

The Committee will meet at UNOS headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, on Monday, October 2, 2017. This will be the first time the Committee will meet at UNOS headquarters. The current plan is for the Committee to meet at UNOS headquarters once every three years.

Upcoming Meeting

- August 17, 2017