

**OPTN/UNOS Minority Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2017  
Teleconference**

**Sylvia Rosas, MSCE, Chair  
Irene Kim, MD, Vice Chair**

**Introduction**

The Minority Affairs Committee met via Teleconference on 10/23/2017 to vote to send a guidance document to the Board of Directors at the December 2017 meeting.

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

- 1. Opening Discussion and Full Committee Vote to send Guidance to December 2017 the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors:** Guidance for Transplant Program Participation in the Transplantation of Non-A<sub>1</sub>/Non-A<sub>1</sub>B (A<sub>2</sub>/A<sub>2</sub>B) Donor Kidneys into Blood Group B Candidates

Summary of Discussion

No substantial changes were made to the guidance. Only a few grammatical corrections are now included and three references were added to support to paper.

A member commented that all changes are simple.

A member asked if anything major was noted in Public Comment. All suggestions were reviewed and discussed at the September full committee meeting. After considering all suggestions, leadership decided not to add any substantial changes.

Leadership commented that several suggestions were added by the Patient Affairs, Kidney, and Histocompatibility Committees. All were discussed at the in person September meeting. The Patient Affairs Committee requested more information for patients about adverse effects associated with transplanting non Non-A<sub>1</sub>/Non-A<sub>1</sub>B (A<sub>2</sub>/A<sub>2</sub>B) kidneys into blood group B candidates. Leadership could not find literature to support adverse effects associated with these transplants.

Background work was done to review concerns and leadership decided that no major changes are necessary.

The final document was pulled up to review with the Committee.

The full Minority Affairs Committee voted unanimously to submit the guidance document to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors in December 2017. Eleven members of the eighteen members of the Committee were present to vote. One visiting Board Member (non-voting) was also present.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- November 20 2017, Teleconference, Full Committee Meeting

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Timothy Mose
  - Antonio de Vera
  - Irene Kim
  - Felicia Wells-Williams
  - Amishi Desai
  - Alejandro Diez
  - Amit Mathur
  - Christopher Jones
  - Ignatius Tang
  - Reynold Lopez-Soler
  - Richard Ruiz
  - William Freeman (Visiting Board Member)
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Venus Walker
  - Mary Ganikos
- **OPTN/UNOS Staff**
  - Emily Ward
  - Darren DiBattista
  - Betsy Gans
  - Amanda Robinson