

**OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2018**  
**Conference Call**

**Jon Odorico, MD, Chair**  
**Silke Niederhaus, MD, Vice Chair**

**Introduction**

The Pancreas Transplantation Committee (hereafter, the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 02/12/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Concept paper on improving the OPTN UNOS committee structure
2. OPTN UNOS strategic plan

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

**1. Concept paper on improving the OPTN UNOS committee structure**

The Committee received a presentation on the Executive Committee's concept paper on improving committee structure.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair asked whether shifting all policy projects to fewer committees would slow down the policy process by decreasing the number of policies that go to the Board each cycle. In particular, the Committee expressed concern about changing the Living Donor Committee to an expert council. The presenter noted that the intent of the proposed changes is not to limit or reduce the number of proposals, but acknowledged that there could be unintended consequences of having fewer committees able to sponsor public comment proposals. The presenter suggested the change could have a positive impact of speeding up the process because having the expert councils may allow faster feedback from impacted communities and vulnerable populations.

A Committee member asked about the criteria used to decide which committees should be expert councils and which committees would become expert councils. The presenter clarified that representation on at least three committees served as an indicator that the committee be considered as an expert council. Another consideration was determining which committees sponsor proposals on their own versus those that collaborate with another committee. The expert councils should reflect perspectives that may be under-represented on committees and provide the perspective from a broader base of that population.

Next steps:

The Committee wanted to finish discussing the concept paper on changing committee structure before offering feedback to the Executive Committee. The policy liaison will schedule an ad hoc call to continue discussion of this proposal and the strategic plan.

**2. OPTN/UNOS Strategic Plan**

The Committee received a presentation on the 2018-2021 OPTN/UNOS strategic plan and provided feedback.

Summary of Discussion

The Committee Chair noted that projects are assigned to one primary strategic goal even when they impact multiple strategic goals. The public may not be aware of these secondary impacts

even if they are important in considering the value of the proposal. The Chair recommended increasing the visibility of these other strategic goals instead of focusing on a primary strategic goal. The presenter provided background that projects are sized by

The Chair discussed the importance of diversity and geography in assessing the new strategic plan.

#### Next Steps

The policy liaison will schedule an ad hoc Committee call to continue discussion of the OPTN/UNOS strategic plan and the concept paper on changing committee structure.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- February 26, 2018 (teleconference)
- March 22, 2018 (Richmond, VA)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Pete Abrams
  - Rachel Forbes
  - Jonathan Fridell
  - Angelika Gruessner
  - Robert Harland
  - Matt Mulloy
  - Silke Niederhaus
  - Oyedolamu Olaitan
  - Muhammad Yaqub
  - Victoria Hunter
  - Liise Kayler
  - Jon Odorico
  - David Scott
  - Jill Stinebring
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Marilyn Levi
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Sally Gustafson
  - Alyssa Herreid
- **OPTN/UNOS Staff**
  - Abby Fox
  - James Alcorn
  - John Archer