

**OPTN/UNOS Data Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2018
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Data Advisory Committee (DAC) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 03/22/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Presentation: OPTN/UNOS Strategic Plan 2018-2021
2. Public Comment Presentation: Improving Committee Structure

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

1. Public Comment Presentation: OPTN/UNOS Strategic Plan 2018-2021

The Executive Committee currently has a proposal out for public comment that proposes changes to the current OPTN/UNOS Strategic Plan.

Summary of discussion:

UNOS staff gave a presentation that detailed the components of the Executive Committee's proposal to change parts of the current OPTN/UNOS Strategic Plan. The DAC was supportive of this proposal and had no major concerns with it as written. One Committee member asked for clarification on how vulnerable populations were defined in the context of this proposal. UNOS staff mentioned recent work done by the Minority Affairs Committee to create a vulnerable populations checklist for committees to reference when creating policies. UNOS staff will distribute this to the DAC when it is finalized. Another Committee member appreciated that this Strategic Plan incorporated metrics, and that this proposal combines what were previously separate plans (i.e. OPTN plan and UNOS plan) into one plan. One Committee member shared that the benchmarks are important as part of the overall portfolio alignment, but noted that there are important projects that end up getting tabled due to the alignment. While they emphasized that the benchmarks have a purpose and are useful, it is difficult to know how to reconcile this issue of important projects not being pursued due to alignment.

2. Public Comment Presentation: Improving Committee Structure

The Executive Committee currently has a concept paper out for public comment that proposes changing how the OPTN/UNOS committees are structured. UNOS staff explained that this concept came out of a workgroup of the Board, and that the workgroup wanted to seek feedback on the concept before putting a more developed concept out for public comment and board consideration. The DAC had several constructive comments on the concept paper. Several Committee members expressed that they had heard this concept at their regional meetings, and the more times they heard about the proposal, it became easier to understand. One Committee member asked where the DAC fit into the proposed concept which sorted current committees into "Subject Committees" and "Expert Councils." UNOS staff explained that there were a couple of current committees, such as the DAC, that the workgroup had struggled to categorize and were continuing to think that through. The Committee member suggested that the workgroup may want to move away from identifying "groups" as Expert Councils. They suggested changing the Transplant Administrators council to Transplant Administration, for

example, since that may be a more inclusive group. The Committee member cautioned against simply making council names only from current names of committees, since Transplant Administrators may exclude nurses and other patient care positions that are still under the umbrella of transplant coordinators. UNOS staff appreciated this feedback.

Upcoming Meeting

- April 4, 2018 – Chicago, IL