

**Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2019  
Conference Call**

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**Introduction**

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee met by conference call and GoToTraining on April 16, 2019, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Member Related Actions and Transplant Hospital Definition
2. Updates on Members Continuing in Monitoring
3. MPSC Process and Contract Updates

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

**1. Member Related Actions**

During the meeting, the Committee considered the following member specific issues.

The Committee is charged with determining whether member clinical transplant programs, organ procurement organizations, histocompatibility laboratories, and non-institutional members meet and remain in compliance with membership criteria. During each meeting, it considers actions regarding the status of current members and new applicants. The Committee reviewed the applications and status changes listed below:

- 36 personnel changes at transplant programs and living donor components
- 1 12-month conditional personnel change
- 1 conditional extension
- 3 personnel changes at a histocompatibility laboratory

The Committee also discussed a personnel change application that was not approved.

Transplant Hospital Definition Update: The Committee was provided with an update on the transplant hospital definition implementation. UNOS staff reviewed the requirements in the not yet implemented Bylaws, the application process, and the exception process pathway, which would also require an informal discussion with a MPSC ad hoc subcommittee.

Transplant Hospital Definition Applications: The Committee reviewed ten transplant hospital definition applications and recommended that the Board of Directors find that they are in compliance with the not yet implemented Bylaws. The Committee approved the consent agenda by a vote of 30 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions. The Committee also reviewed one application and agreed that it was not in compliance with the Transplant Hospital Definition requirements.

**2. Updates on Members Continuing in Monitoring**

During the meeting, the Committee discussed follow-up reports from two transplant hospitals that had participated in a peer visits. It will continue to monitor both hospitals.

**3. MPSC Process and Contract Updates**

MPSC Process Update: During the meeting, the Committee was informed that the Performance Analysis and Improvement Subcommittee (PAIS) and the Policy Compliance Subcommittee

would be dissolved effective July 1, 2019. All committee members will begin to review all case types after the July 16-19, meeting. The reasons for making this change includes the following:

- Increasing MPSC member familiarity with all case types
- Establishing a consistent process across all case types
- Making it easier to assign MPSC reviewers with necessary subject matter expertise
- More easily make future changes to MPSC processes and meeting structure (ex. reviewing all of a member's activities together)

Contract Related: The OPTN Contract went into effect on April 1, 2019, and included some new tasks specific to the MPSC and UNOS Member Quality monitoring. These include considering changes to OPTN membership categories, developing a process for reassessment of OPTN member ongoing compliance with membership requirements, developing measures of monitoring effectiveness, and developing a plan for incentives to increase reporting to the OPTN. MPSC Members were encouraged to volunteer for projects of interest to begin work on these activities.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- May 23, 2019, Conference Call
- June 27, 2019, Conference Call
- July 16-18, 2019, Chicago
- November 5-7, 2019, Chicago