

OPTN Board of Directors

Executive Summary

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St. Louis, MO and Virtual

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Introduction

Dr. Jerry McCauley, President of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 8:30am CT on December 5th, 2022. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

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Frank Holloman, Division Director, and Chris McLaughlin, Senior Advisor, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) addressed the Board with a presentation on the OPTN and HRSA. The presentation focused on HRSA's oversight of the OPTN, HRSA's priorities, updates on the HOPE Act Recommendation, increasing CMS-HRSA engagement through the Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG), OPTN Operating Committee responsibilities, and Board member responsibilities.

Following the presentation from HRSA, the Board approved a Board member: Ms. Deanna Santana (General Public Representative).

Dr. Maureen McBride, OPTN Executive Director, shared a report on her first two months in the role and the work she hopes the Board and the OPTN will accomplish in the coming year. She emphasized the importance of working together to enhance the donation and transplantation system.

The Board approved the following resolutions on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of June 27, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors held in Richmond, VA (Executive Committee)
- *Modify Heart Policy to Address Patient Safety Following Device Recall* (Heart Committee)
- *Update Kidney Paired Donation Policy* (Kidney Committee)
- *Continued Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Guidance* (Liver and Intestinal Organ Committee)
- *Revise Lung Review Board Guidelines, Guidance, and Policy for Continuous Distribution* (Lung Committee)
- *Update Multi-Organ Allocation for Continuous Distribution of Lungs* (Lung Committee)
- *OPTN Bylaw Corrections 2022* (Membership & Professional Standards Committee)
- *Enhancements to OPTN Donor Data and Matching System Clinical Data Collection* (Organ Procurement Organization Committee)
- *Apply Transplant Notification Requirements for VCA Program Inactivation* (VCA Committee)

Dr. Nicole Turgeon, Chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC), presented the POC report to the Board, highlighting the work that the committee has completed in the last six months.

Dr. Martha Pavlakis, Chair of the Kidney Transplantation Committee, presented *Modify Waiting Time for Candidates Affected by Race Inclusive eGFR Calculations* on behalf of the Kidney Transplantation and Minority Affairs Committees. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Keren Ladin, Chair of the Ethics Committee, presented *Transparency in Program Selection* on behalf of the committee. The white paper was approved by the Board.

The Board briefly convened in a closed session for the purpose of confidential routine membership and administrative business.

Dr. Nahel Elias, Chair of the Living Donor Committee, presented a report to the Board of the Living Donor Committee's work on living donor data collection. Dr. Jon Snyder and Dr. Krista Lentine from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) shared details on the SRTR's involvement with living donor data collection.

Dr. Alden Doyle, Chair of the Operations and Safety Committee, presented a report to the Board on the committee's request for feedback proposals from Summer 2022 Public Comment, *Update on Redefining Provisional Yes* and *Optimizing Usage of Kidney Offer Filters*.

Dr. Erika Lease, Past Chair of the Lung Transplantation Committee, presented *Update Data Collection for Lung Mortality Models* proposal. The proposal was moved from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda by a Board member offering an amendment to the proposal. During voting, the amendment from the Board member was declined by the Board and the original proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Zoe Stewart Lewis, Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) presented an update from the committee to the Board. Dr. Stewart Lewis discussed the committee's ongoing work to address recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report and the Senate Committee on Finance Hearing, and the committee's on ongoing work with metrics.

Board Members Dr. Matthew Cooper, Ms. Ginny McBride, Mr. Jeff Orlowski, and Mr. Ryan Ehrensberger (UNOS) presented on organ transportation and key challenges facing transplant community. The presentation detailed data surrounding transportation, potential areas of improvement, and ongoing committee projects related to transportation. Attendees broke out into smaller groups to discuss their proposed solutions to some of the challenges presented.

Mr. Brad Kornfeld, Treasurer of the OPTN Board of Directors and Chair of the OPTN Finance Committee, presented a report to the Board. In addition to sharing information about the audit, investments, and OPTN registrations, there was conversation about the proposed FY23 budget, when this might be approved, and next steps for HRSA and the OPTN.

Ms. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, Vice President of the OPTN Board and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report to the Board. The 2023 slate of nominees was presented and approved by the Board.

Dr. Sumit Mohan, Chair of the Data Advisory Committee (DAC), presented the DAC report to the Board. He discussed the critical role data plays throughout the work of the OPTN and what the Board can expect from the DAC in the next six months.

Dr. McCauley shared the Executive Committee's report to the Board. As part of the Executive Committee's report, Mr. Michael Ghaffari (UNOS), presented on the national roll out of Predictive Analytics in the OPTN DonorNet and Matching System.