EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OF THE
OPTN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 10, 2019
Richmond, Virginia

Sue Dunn, RN, B.S.N., M.B.A., OPTN President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on June 10, 2019. A quorum was present, and 35 of the Board members attended in person or by electronic means of communications.

In the first order of business, Frank Holloman, Acting Director and Chris McLaughlin, Chief, Organ Transplantation Branch, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), addressed the Board with a presentation on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). The presentation focused on HRSA’s oversight of the OPTN through the statutory framework of NOTA, the regulatory framework of the OPTN Final Rule, and oversight of the OPTN Contract between HRSA and United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). HRSA introduced a requirement in the OPTN Contract that each board member sign an attestation document that cites that each member may not take into consideration any responsibilities they may have to the OPTN contractor or to any other organization while serving in their OPTN Board capacity.

The Board approved several resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda. The subject of the individual resolutions approved in the Consent Agenda follows here:

1. The Board approved the minutes of the December 3-4, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors held in Dallas, Texas.
2. The Board approved the appointment of Committee Chairs for the term beginning July 1, 2019.
3. The Board accepted the 2018 fiscal year audit report.
4. The Board approved changes to expand the current HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act variance.
5. The Board approved policy clarification changes to Policy 8.6.C (Transplanting Kidneys Individually after Allocation of Both Kidneys from a Single Deceased Donor to a Single Candidate).
7. The Board approved clarifications on reporting chronic maintenance dialysis.

Following passage of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the appointment of Leona Kim-Schluger, M.D., as a new Region Councillor.
Ms. Dunn presented the President’s Address to the Board, followed by the biannual Executive Committee report to the Board and a report from the Nominating Committee.

The Board approved an amended proposal to modify Policies 9.11.A and 9.11.C to create an open variance to allocate split livers. The Board declined to approve two proposed amendments to this proposal.

The Board approved changes to existing allocation policies resulting in the elimination of the use of DSAs in heart allocation and Regions in vascularized composite allograft allocation.


Matt Cooper, MD, and Diane Brockmeier, BSN, MA, presented an updated from the Ad Hoc Systems Performance Committee regarding the work of the Committee and its areas of focus for identifying potential measures for driving system performance. The presentation was followed by a facilitated discussion and consensus building activity to identify key priorities for focus in future transplant system performance activities.

Secretary’s Note: The Board briefly convened in closed session for the purpose of routine confidential membership issues.

Brian Shepard, UNOS CEO and OPTN Executive Director gave the Executive Director’s report to the Board.

Dr. David Reich, Treasurer, and Matt Lovetro, UNOS Director of Finance, gave a report of the Finance Committee, and presented two recommended actions for consideration by the Board. Thereafter, the Board approved the 2020 OPTN Operating Budget and registration fee of $748, effective October 1, 2019.

Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH, gave a report of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC).

Nicole Turgeon, MD, FACS, Chair of the Kidney Transplantation Committee, and Jon Odorico MD, Chair of the Pancreas Transplantation Committee, presented a Kidney/Pancreas Workgroup update regarding the removal of the DSA and Region from Kidney and Pancreas allocation policies.

The OPTN Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m. on June 10, 2019.