

**OPTN Living Donor Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2019  
Conference Call**

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Heather Hunt, JD, Vice Chair**

**Introduction**

The Living Donor Committee (LDC) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 07/10/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. CMS Transplant Program Survey Activity Transition Response Letter Update
2. Social Media Project Report Out
3. Cross-Committee Update
4. Informed Consent Webinar Review
5. Living Donor Data Report Discussion
6. New Committee Member Orientation

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

The Chair welcomed returning members, new members, and stakeholders to the committee call. New members were introduced to the Committee. Angie Lucar, representing Region 11, introduced herself. Stevan Gonzalez, representing Region 4, introduced himself. The committee also has a new member representing Region 9, Roberto Hernandez.

Dr. Srinivas is now at-large member. Carolyn Light is now the Region 5 representative.

**1. CMS Transplant Program Survey Activity Transition Response Letter Update**

The Committee provided feedback for a response letter that has been drafted into an official statement and submitted for OPTN Executive Committee approval. The document is available on the Committee Basecamp.

Next steps:

The letter will be considered on the August 1 OPTN Executive Committee call.

**2. Social Media Project Report Out**

Members of the Social Media Project Workgroup (the Workgroup) reported they held an initial kick off call in June where they discussed goals of the project and began drafting questions for a survey to go to transplant programs. The Workgroup will be holding further meetings in July to further refine those questions.

The Vice Chair stated that the outline of the draft white paper is currently being edited after receiving feedback from the Workgroup. A re-organized outline will be distributed soon to and Workgroup members will be assigned sections to begin drafting.

UNOS staff informed members that they have received approval to engage the community for feedback on the social media project and that such engagement will not require Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

### **3. Cross-Committee Update**

A Committee member reported the Patient Affairs Constituent Council has ended and has reverted back to a Patient Affairs Committee.

### **4. Informed Consent Webinar Review**

UNOS staff informed the Committee that a webinar created in 2015 on UNOS Connect regarding Informed Consent and Psychosocial Evaluation is out of date based on changes in policy in recent years.

Committee members were asked if they would volunteer as subject matter experts to help develop a new, updated education resource. A stakeholder from the Ethics Committee volunteered.

Members of the UNOS Professional Education department explained the task at hand and thanked the Committee for their cooperation.

#### Next Steps:

Members are encouraged to reach out to UNOS staff via email if they wish to participate.

### **5. Living Donor Data Report Discussion**

The Committee Chair reflected on the data presented at the April in-person meeting and reminded members that the analysis is available on the Committee Basecamp site. The Chair encouraged new and returning members to access the data in order that the Committee can most effectively disseminate the information for the community.

### **6. New Committee Member Orientation**

UNOS staff outlined the OPTN Living Donor Committee member structure and purpose. The roster for the committee is located on the OPTN website. Committee member expectations were outlined, including participating in all committee and subcommittee meetings while reviewing relevant meeting materials ahead of each call. Regional representatives are responsible for updating their respective regions on the work of the Living Donor Committee for each regional meeting. UNOS staff seeks to effectively prepare these representatives for their presentations at regional meetings. The schedule of upcoming Fall regional meetings was presented.

UNOS staff stated that the Living Donor Committee does not have a proposal for the upcoming OPTN Fall Public Comment period.

Staff outlined the policy development process and the structure and rhythm of committee meetings, including bi-annual in-person meetings. The Committee Basecamp site was highlighted to show committee members how to most effectively collaborate with each other. Committee and support staff and their respective responsibilities were introduced.

The orientation continued with details on the OPTN Policy Development process, including the role of the OPTN Policy Oversight Committee. Future potential projects were outlined to committee members as well. The Chair discussed the initial engagements of the Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Committee regarding a potential future project on the evaluation of living VCA donors. Additionally, the Chair discussed possible future collaboration with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on Living Donor Follow-Up optimization.

UNOS staff also highlighted the recent “Clarifications on Reporting of Maintenance Dialysis” project that received OPTN Board approval in June and is now in the implementation phase. Furthermore, staff highlighted some project work of other OPTN committees that the Living Donor committee will be updated on in upcoming committee calls.

At the conclusion of the committee orientation, the Vice Chair added that the committee engages in an exercise at in-person meetings to solicit member ideas for future projects. Members are encouraged to share these ideas any time.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- August 14, 2019 - Full OPTN Living Donor Committee Call (Teleconference)