

**OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) Socioeconomic Status Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019
Conference Call**

Amishi Desai, DO, Chair

Introduction

The Socioeconomic Status (SES) Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 6/12/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. SES Guidance Document

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

1. SES Guidance Document

Only the Chair of the Workgroup was present so the Workgroup call was canceled. However, UNOS staff discussed next steps with the Workgroup chair for working on the guidance document and emailing Workgroup members about timelines and writing assignments so work on the project could be maintained.

Summary of discussion:

Staff showed the chair a slide stating the focus of the guidance document as the impact of SES status on access to transplant, specifically, disparate access for low SES candidates to kidney transplantation overall (both living and deceased donor). The chair suggested perhaps the focus could be tailored specifically to the impact on access to living donation. The guidance document could outline how low SES could negatively impact access to living donation and potential to improve access through education or enhanced resources. Access could be impacted by financial barriers and lack of a support network. The guidance document could outline the barriers, then provide recommendations for mitigating or reducing the impact of these barriers on low SES candidates' access to transplant. UNOS staff noted that recommendations could also weigh in on whether OPTN SES data collection could be improved.

Staff showed the chair potential timelines for putting a guidance document out for public comment – either spring 2020 or fall 2020. The chair was supportive of the sooner timeline but agreed that Workgroup members should be polled on their feedback in a follow up email. The chair also added several project stakeholders: living donor and ethics, in addition to the stakeholders of kidney and the Data Advisory Committee (DAC).

Next steps:

The chair agreed to put together a 'skeleton' structure of the guidance document that can be circulated by UNOS staff to Workgroup members along with the two timelines. Workgroup members could either sign up for different sections or simply identify their support for writing a section of the paper.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 1st – SES teleconference (tentative)