

**OPTN Policy Oversight Committee  
Continuous Distribution Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2019**

**Chair: Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH**

## **Introduction**

The subcommittee met via Citrix GoToMeeting on 10/25/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

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

#### Summary of Presentation

- Staff presented their analysis of the organ systems according to the criteria that the subcommittee discussed on their last call. (For example, the size of each organ's waiting list, the complexity of each organ's allocation algorithms, and the community's receptivity to transition to continuous distribution compared to other priorities for the organ-specific committee.)
- The staff showed potential sequencing of organs using this analysis. Staff also showed potential sequences if the weights of different criteria are changed. (For example, if the relative importance of the size of the waitlist is increased.)
- Staff also showed the potential length of time that will be necessary for each organ system to convert to continuous distribution. The projected times were based upon the length of time for the lung project then adjusted according to the number of attributes and number of algorithms for each organ system.

#### Summary of discussion:

- The subcommittee discussed the results of the staff analysis. The subcommittee preferred to place more emphasis on the size of the waiting list, which would move up the time to start work on kidney allocation.
- The subcommittee also discussed whether certain organ pairs should be developed concurrently. They agreed that kidney-pancreas and liver-intestine should be developed concurrently since those organ pairs share similar attributes.
- Finally, the subcommittee discussed the timing of transition for VCA. The subcommittee agreed that these allocation changes are not the largest priority for the VCA community, nor is there a large waiting list for VCA transplants, therefore the VCA transition could wait to start longer than other organs.

#### Next steps:

- The chair will present a summary of the subcommittee's discussions and recommendations to the full Policy Oversight Committee (POC) at their in-person meeting.

- Staff will also prepare alternative schedules for the continuous distribution projects that are consistent with the subcommittee's feedback.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- October 30, In-person POC meeting.