

OPTN VCA Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

November 15, 2019

Richmond, VA

Linda Cendales, MD, Chair

Bo Pomahac, MD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The VCA Transplantation Committee met at UNOS headquarters in Richmond, VA on 11/15/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPTN VCA Data
2. OPTN Fiscal Impact
3. Update to VCA Transplant Outcomes Data Review
4. IT Implementation Update
5. Policy Oversight Committee Update
6. Data Advisory Committee & OPTN Journey to Improve Data Quality
7. Collecting Data on Children Born from Uterus Recipients
8. OPTN Living Donor Committee Update
9. Living Donor Follow-Up Form Data Collection Project
10. VCA Charge

The Chair gave a summary of a recent meeting that several members attended on November 8 at Walter Reed Medical Center regarding VCA. She called on Tim Pruett and Bo Pomahac to add to the summary.

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions (see accompanying slides)

1. OPTN VCA Data

UNOS staff presented VCA waiting list and transplant activity data, along with general post-transplant outcomes data.

2. OPTN Fiscal Impact

Members from the Fiscal Impact Workgroup led a discussion on how the Committee's current proposal might financially impact OPTN members.

3. Update to VCA Transplant Outcomes Data Review

The Committee finalized data elements and definitions to be included in the Spring 2020 Public Comment proposal. A vote was taken to approve that the proposal be released for comment.

4. IT Implementation Update

UNO staff updated the Committee on when programming would take place to remove DSA and eliminate regions plus integrate VCA into UNet.

5. Policy Oversight Committee Update

The Vice Chair presented the three themes that POC is filtering projects through.

6. Data Advisory Committee & OPTN's Journey to Improve Data Quality

UNOS staff presented details on a new process for OMB approval, and the role of DAC under the new HRSA contract.

7. Collecting Data on Children Born from Uterus Recipients

The Committee continued their discussion on data collection on children, the timeframe to collect and which data elements to collect. Plans are underway to utilize a "Request for Feedback" during Spring Public Comment 2020.

8. OPTN Living Donor Committee Update

UNOS staff presented on the LD Committee's next project: "Modifying Living Donor Policy to include VCA" for feedback and discussion. The Living Donor Collective was noted by an SRTR representative.

9. Living Donor Follow-up Form Data Collection Project

Discussion was held on the new project under development to require the collection of data on VCA living donors. It is expected to be considered by the POC in early 2020.

10. VCA Charge

The Committee voted on a newly revised charge.

Upcoming Meeting:

- December 11, 2019