

**OPTN Executive Summary of the OPTN Board of Directors Meeting  
December 3, 2019  
Dallas, TX**

**Maryl Johnson, MD, President  
David Mulligan, MD, FACS, Vice President**

## **Introduction**

The OPTN Board of Directors met in Dallas, TX on 12/03/2019.

Maryl Johnson, MD, FACC, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) President, called the meeting to order at 8:00am on December 3rd, 2019. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting. 41 Board members attended in person or by electronic means of communications.

The following is a summary of the Board of Director's discussions.

### **1. First Order of Business**

Frank Holloman, Director, and Chris McLaughlin, Chief, Organ Transplantation Branch, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), addressed the Board. They provided information on the OPTN statutory and regulatory framework, as well as details on the OPTN contract.

### **2. Consent Agenda Resolutions**

The Board approved 6 resolutions on the consent agenda. The subject of the individual resolutions were as follows:

1. The Board approved the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors held in Richmond, Virginia.
2. The Board approved the termination of select OPTN variances.
3. The Board approved the "Modify Vice-Chair Appointment Process" proposal from the Histocompatibility Committee.
4. The Board approved the "Clarifying Pre-Existing Liver Disease" proposal from the Liver Committee.
5. The Board approved the "HOPE Act Renewal" proposal from the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee.
6. The Board approved the "Adding DR Matching Antigens and Equivalences" proposal from the Histocompatibility Committee.

### **3. Reports to the Board of Director's**

Following the passage of the consent agenda, Maryl Johnson, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided the Executive Committee Report to the Board. The Board approved the Proposed Revisions to OPTN Committee Charters.

David Mulligan, MD, FACS, and Chair of the OPTN Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report to the Board. The Board approved the slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors for terms beginning on July 1, 2020.

Robert Goodman, OPTN Treasurer, and Matthew Lovetro, UNOS Director of Finance, gave the Finance Committee report to the Board.

Walter Herczyk MT, CHS, and Alex Tulchinsky, UNOS Chief Technology Officer, presented the OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC) report to the Board.

#### **4. OPTN Committee Updates to the Board of Directors**

Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH, and Chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) provided a POC update for the Board of Directors. The Board approved a resolution from Michael Moritz, MD, to refer project ideas concerning efficient donor and recipient matching to increase organ utilization to the POC.

Lisa Stocks, RN, MSN, FNP, and Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) gave the MPSC report to the Board of Directors.

Sandy Feng, MD, PhD, and Data Advisory Committee (DAC) Chair, presented the DAC report to the Board.

#### **5. Discussion of Items on the Non-Consent Agenda**

Thereafter, the Board of Directors began their discussion of items on the non-consent agenda.

The Board approved the “Expedited Placement of Livers” proposal from the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee.

Note: At this time, the Board briefly convened in closed session for the purpose of routine confidential membership issues.

The Board of Directors approved the “Align Units of Distribution in Split Liver Variance” proposal from the Liver Committee.

The Board of Directors approved the “Modify Data Submission Policies” proposal from the Data Advisory Committee.

The Board of Directors approved the “Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Kidney Allocation Policy” proposal and the “Eliminate the Use of DSA and Region in Pancreas Allocation Policy” proposal from the Kidney and Pancreas Committees. The Board considered two amendments to the proposals as offered by the sponsoring committees:

The Board did not approve an amendment sponsored by Michael Moritz, MD to table the proposals and send them back to the committees for further consideration.

The OPTN Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:30pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.