

**OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee
Meeting Summary
December 18, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via teleconference on December 18, 2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Debrief from OPTN Board of Directors Meeting
2. POC Strategic Priorities and Timelines for Transition to Continuous Distribution
3. Special Public Comment - Access for Urgent Liver Candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico
4. Winter 2020 Public Comment

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

1. Debrief from OPTN Board of Directors Meeting

The Committee received an update on the OPTN Board of Directors meeting held in Dallas, Texas in December 2019. Noteworthy elements included:

- Transition of the "acting director" of the Division of Transplantation to "director"
- Approval of the
 - Consent agenda
 - Slate for Board Elections to take place in January 2020
 - Respective updates to OPTN Committee charges including the Transplant Coordinator Committee's revisions
 - Discussion agenda
- Targets for the transition to continuous distribution
 - Kidney & Pancreas 12/2019
 - Liver & Intestine 12/2020
 - Heart & VCA 12/2022

The Chair commented on the diligence in discussion and deliberation during the Board meeting. She directed the members to review the proposals on-line for further specifics.

Next steps:

The next OPTN Board of Directors meeting will be held in June 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. Committee leadership will continue to attend these important meetings, and provide a debrief following.

2. POC Strategic Priorities and Timelines for Transition to Continuous Distribution

The Committee received an update on the OPTN Policy Oversight Committee's (POCs) strategic priorities for OPTN projects. The idea behind this is to increase the impact of proposals and increase the inter-committee collaboration on initiatives. Members were assured this new approach to new committee projects does not translate to new committee initiatives outside these priorities will not move forward.

Rather, it rather trigger a dialog about new initiatives. Committee members briefly discussed the transition to the continuous distribution framework. There was broad interest in learning more about the concept of a “composite score” for transplant candidates and way factors may contribute to this score. The Chair mentioned an on-line resource on the OPTN website to help illustrate this framework. She further asked members to become familiar with this framework.

3. Special Public Comment - Access for Urgent Liver Candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico

The Committee briefly discussed the proposal from the OPTN Liver and Intestine Transplantation Committee to address *Access for Urgent Liver Candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico*. As this proposal has an abbreviated public comment cycle, the Chair asked for volunteers from the Committee to review the proposal and provide feedback off-line. This would be used to develop a response from the Committee.

At the conclusion of the discussion, reviewers were identified and asked to share their feedback by January 3, 2020.

Next steps:

The Chair and Vice Chair will review feedback from the reviewers and submit a response to the OPTN on behalf of the Committee.

4. Winter 2020 Public Comment

The Chair briefly profiled the approaching initiatives for the Winter 2020 Public Comment cycle. This includes proposals and requests for feedback from 10 OPTN committees. UNOS staff will send a synopsis of each initiative to members. They are asked to consider the initiatives and identify their top three proposal for consideration by the Committee at a future call or meeting.

Next steps:

Members are asked for send their recommendations to UNOS staff.

With no further business to discuss, the conference call was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- Third Wednesdays from 2-3 PM (Eastern)
- February 26, 2020 9 AM to 3 PM (Central) – in-person meeting, Chicago, IL