

**OPTN Policy Oversight Committee
Meeting Summary
November 14, 2019
Teleconference**

**Chair: Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH
Vice Chair: Nicole Turgeon, MD**

Introduction

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) met via Citrix GoToMeeting on 11/14/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Setting Strategic Policy Priorities
2. New Project Review

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

1. Setting Strategic Policy Priorities

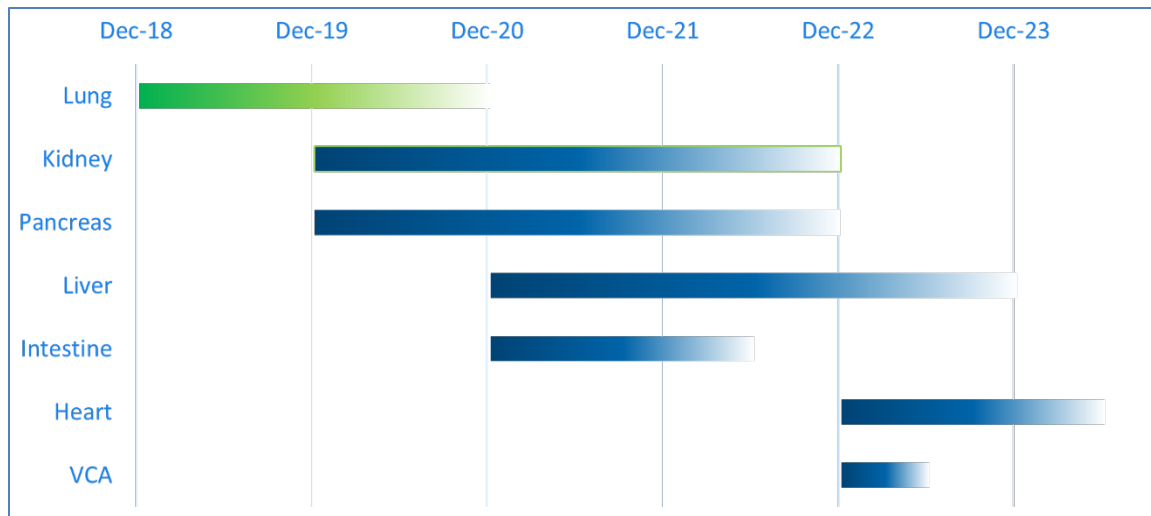
Summary of discussion:

Prior to this meeting, the POC discussed several different strategic policy priorities.

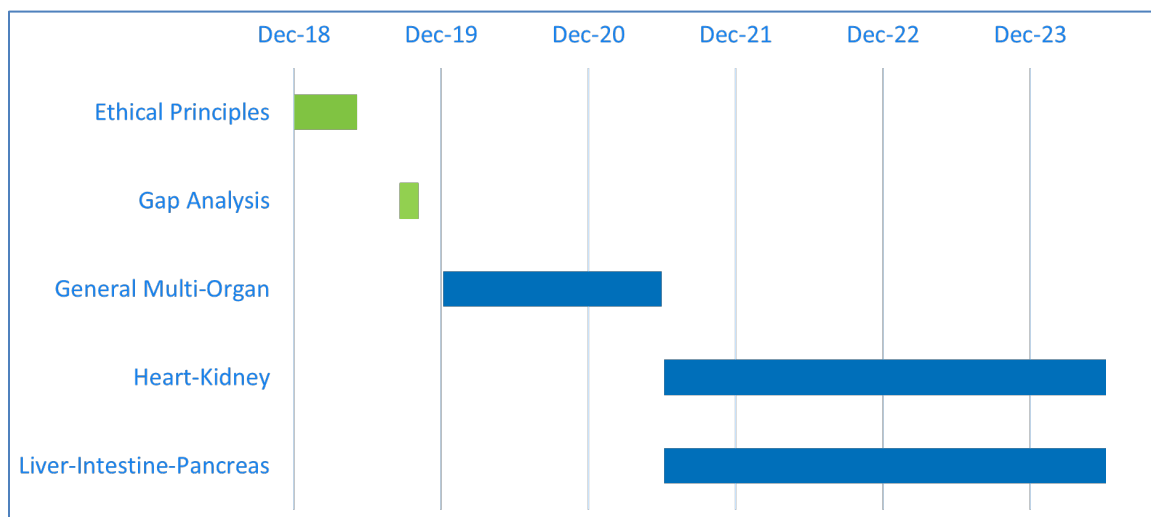
- Continuous Distribution
- Improved Equity for Multiorgan and Single Organ Candidates
- Efficient Donor/Recipient Matching To Increase Utilization

The POC sent a memo to all OPTN committee leadership asking for feedback on these three strategic policy priorities. Discussion on the feedback included:

- The POC discussed how to balance the workload of the strategic policy priorities with other committee projects. POC members and leadership agreed that the POC's role is 1) to work with the Executive Committee to identify priorities for the overall portfolio of committee projects and 2) to coordinate the efforts amongst the committees. Projects ideas should originate from the community or the committees as opposed to only originating within the POC.
- The POC discussed the timelines for continuous distribution. The proposed schedule focuses on when the different organ specific projects would start as opposed to how long each project will take. Kidney and Pancreas would begin work in early 2020, with Liver and Intestine starting subsequently. Heart and VCA will start last.



- The POC next discussed the sequencing of project for multi-organ. The POC agreed that the next step would be changes to the general multi-organ policies and that the OPO Committee would sponsor that project. After that project concludes, the POC would approve organ specific combinations to be sponsored by organ specific committee. Below are two illustrative examples of potential organ specific combinations.
- The OPO Committee has three new committee project proposals in addition to some projects that are included in the strategic policy priorities. The OPO Vice Chair commented that the OPO Committee would be able to sponsor all of the requested projects at the same time.



The POC next discussed efficient donor/recipient matching to increase utilization. There are several project ideas and committees are continuing to brainstorm project ideas. The POC will discuss these ideas in more depth on a future call.

2. New Project Review

The POC reviewed the following new committee projects.

ID	Title	Committee	PC	BOD	Strategic Goal
961	Review of DCD Policy	Organ Procurement Organization	2020-August	2020-December	Increase the number of transplants
1014	Increasing Access for High MELD and Status 1 Candidates in Puerto Rico and Hawaii	Liver and Intestines	2020-January	2020-June	Increase equity in access to transplants
1030	Review Deceased Donor Registration Form	Organ Procurement Organization	2021-January	2021-June	Promote the efficient management of the OPTN
1037	Adult Heart Exception Review	Thoracic	2020-August	2020-December	Improve waitlisted patient, living donor, and transplant recipient outcomes
1102	Create Medically Urgent Status in Kidney Allocation	Kidney	2020-January	2020-June	Increase equity in access to transplants
1106	Import Back Up Modifications	Organ Procurement Organization	2020-January	2020-June	Improve waitlisted patient, living donor, and transplant recipient outcomes
1109	Continuous Distribution of Kidneys	Kidney	2021-August	2021-December	Increase equity in access to transplants
1110	Continuous Distribution of Pancreas	Pancreas	2021-August	2021-December	Increase equity in access to transplants

The POC provided the following feedback on these projects:

- The POC discussed whether Ops and Safety could assist the OPO Committee with some of their projects considering the volume of projects assigned to the OPO Committee at this time. After discussion, the POC declined to switch the sponsoring committee at this time.

The POC voted unanimously to recommend approval of these projects.

Next steps:

The Chair of the POC will present this recommendation to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

- December 19

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alexandra Glazier
 - Barry Friedman
 - Chris Curran
 - Garrett Erdle
 - Evelyn Hsu
 - HB Kim
 - Keren Ladin
 - Erika Lease
 - Peter Lalli
 - Paulo Martins
 - Stacy McKean
 - Rachel Patzer
 - Martha Pavlakis
 - Kurt Shutterly
 - Nicole Turgeon
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Emily Anozie
 - Shannon Dunne
 - Adriana Martinez
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Snyder
- **UNOS Staff**
 - James Alcorn
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Craig Connors
 - Paula Dehetre
 - Abigail Fox
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Robert Hunter
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Rebecca Lehman
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Kelley Poff
 - Brian Shepherd
 - Kimberly Taylor
 - Susan Tlusty
 - SaraRose Wells
 - Joann White
 - Chris Wholley