

**OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee  
Meeting Summary  
January 15, 2020  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The Transplant Coordinators Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 01/15/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Synopsis of public comment provided to the OPTN Liver & Intestine Committee
2. Public Comment Proposals Winter 2020 – Survey Results and Review Groups
3. In-Person meeting planning

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

### **1. Synopsis of public comment provided to the OPTN Liver & Intestine Committee**

The committee chair presented the public comment prepared by committee members in response to the Liver and Intestine Committee’s policy, “Access for Urgent Liver Candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico”.

#### Data summary:

The committee is in strong support of the proposal, and believes it will improve transplant access and help to correct the current inequity caused by geography. The committee believes that the Liver and Intestine Committee should carefully consider backup strategies for liver offers that fall under this policy. This committee also recommended post-implementation monitoring metrics.

#### Summary of discussion:

No questions or concerns were raised.

### **2. Public Comment Proposals Winter 2020 – Survey Results and Review Groups**

The committee chair presented the results of the committee’s internal survey on what policies they are most interested in reviewing at the upcoming in-person meeting.

#### Data summary:

The committee is most in interest of hearing presentations on the following proposals:

- Guidance to Transplant Hospitals on Candidate’s use of Social Media to Find Living Donors
- Modifications to Released Kidney and Pancreas Allocation
- Modify Blood Type Determination and Reporting Policies
- Guidance on Blood Type Determination

#### Summary of discussion:

Review teams will be formed within the committee, with Team Leads identified, between January 15-24, 2020. Committee members are to review proposals when the Public Comment cycle opens on January

22, 2020, and consider specific feedback sought by the sponsoring committee of the proposal. The committee members will use the worksheet provided by the committee to help guide their review of the proposals. At the in-person meeting on February 26, 2020, the review teams will present their feedback.

Next steps:

Committee leadership is sending a list of needed volunteers for presentations. Committee members are to respond with their top two choices of proposals to review, and whether they are willing to be a team lead. The teams will then be created by committee leadership and the UNOS liaison, and within the team they can identify if they would like to communicate by email or conference call ahead of the in person meeting in February.

**3. In-Person meeting planning**

Committee chair presented on the general in person meeting plan for February.

Data summary:

The planned discussion points for the meeting are as follows

- Policy Oversight Committee Update
- Public Comment proposal review
- TCC Learning Series Update
- Effective Practices Discussion
- Upcoming projects on other OPTN Committees
- IT Update

Summary of discussion:

Committee believes that it would be helpful to facilitate conversation amongst each other at the in person meeting. Committee member proposed the room set up to involve smaller tables for working groups for collaboration. The committee would also like to have dinner off property the night before.

Next steps:

Any committee members unable to attend the in person meeting are to notify committee leadership and the UNOS liaison.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- February 26, 2020: In-person meeting, Chicago, IL
- March 18, 2020: Teleconference 2-3 pm EST