

**OPTN Living Donor Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2020  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The OPTN Living Donor Committee (the Committee) met by teleconference on February 3, 2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Social Media (SoMe) Guidance Document Update

### **1. Social Media (SoMe) Guidance Document Update**

The Committee received an update on the current state of the SoMe paper.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Chair informed committee members that HRSA raised concerns on the Executive Committee call regarding the SoMe Guidance Document and recommended withholding release of the document. The Executive Committee voted to take it off the public comment slate for the spring.

A HRSA representative spoke to their three main concerns as presented to the Executive Committee:

- Unclear what authority the OPTN has to limit or suggest limits to social media usage by individuals
- Does not appear to have a clear nexus to OPTN Final Rule or OPTN policies
- Unclear how the presented Effective Practices could be perceived; Risk of community perceiving effective practices as policy

Committee members expressed the need for a resource to be developed as social media is an issue that is gaining prominence within the transplant community and transplant professionals look to the OPTN for guidance. The Vice Chair requested from HRSA a clear explanation of legal guideposts for projects going forward. A HRSA representative indicated they are working with UNOS staff to develop checklists and processes for future work.

The Committee was also informed that the social media manuscript being developed outside of committee work would also need to be submitted to HRSA for review as it will be using OPTN data.

#### Next Steps

The committee will work with HRSA to determine what language would need to be revised to release for fall public comment.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

- February 12, 2020 – Teleconference