

**OPTN Minority Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
February 10, 2020
State or Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 02/10/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Socioeconomic Status (SES) Public Comment Update
2. Public Comment Review Groups
3. SES Article

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

1. Socioeconomic Status (SES) Public Comment Update

The Committee discussed the feedback and sentiment to date on their public comment document, "Data Collection to Assess Socioeconomic Status and Access to Transplant".

Summary of discussion:

The Committee discussed the main concerns voiced by regional meeting attendees:

- Collection of new fields will increase data burden
- The data is too sensitive to collect
- People may not be honest when reporting their household income

Overall, the proposal passed with a slight majority in region 4, but has not in regions 6 and 8. The Committee discussed what action could be taken to improve support for the proposal. A member initiated discussion about offering a range of income fields on the Transplant Candidate Registration (TCR) Data Collection instrument, but the majority of members preferred the data fields as proposed.

The Committee agreed that they would like to revise the messaging of regional meeting presentations. Committee members and UNOS staff will collaborate to revise the MAC SES presentation to address the concerns listed above and highlight the importance of collecting SES data in accordance with the Final Rule.

Next steps:

Committee leadership, regional representatives, and UNOS staff will work on the messaging of the regional slides. These revised slides will be prepared for presentation to regions 5 and 2.

2. Public Comment Review Groups

The Committee will review two proposals that are currently out for public comment:

- "Distribution of Kidney and Pancreata from Alaska"
- "Addressing Medically Urgent Candidates in New Kidney Allocation"

Summary of Discussion:

Groups led by Committee leadership will work offline between today and the next call on March 16, 2020. Members will come to the March call ready to discuss proposals and draft public comments. UNOS staff will post drafted comments to the OPTN website on the Committee's behalf.

Next steps:

Groups will discuss their respective proposals.

3. SES Article

The article titled, "HOUSES index as an innovative socioeconomic measure predicts graft failure among kidney transplant recipients" assessed whether individual- level housing based on SES index would serve as a predictive tool for graft failure in patients.

Summary of Discussion:

A member recommended that each member of the Committee read this article as it highlights the need for more SES measures in transplant outcomes.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 16, 2020 (Teleconference)
- April 1, 2020 (In- Person)