

**OPTN Minority Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
March 16, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on 03/16/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Announcements
2. Draft Comments: Public Comment Review Groups
3. Mid-Public Comment Update

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

1. Announcements

The Committee heard housekeeping updates from UNOS staff.

Summary of discussion:

- In- Person Meeting: The meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 in Chicago, IL will be held virtually due to the current COVID-19 situation
- New Members: Members appointed to join the Committee in July have been invited to monthly teleconferences to get a preview of the Committee's activities

Next steps:

UNOS staff will develop a shortened agenda for the upcoming virtual meeting, send it to Committee leadership for approval, and then onto the Committee.

2. Draft Comments: Public Comment Review Groups

The Committee gave feedback on the OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee's two proposals currently out for public comment.

Summary of discussion:

Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata from Alaska:

- The MAC strongly supports this proposal
- The Committee agrees that the Seattle- Tacoma airport should serve as the substitute for the donor hospitals in Alaska in an effort to efficiently place kidneys and reduce the amount of cold ischemic time on these organs

Addressing Medically Urgent Candidates in New Kidney Allocation Policy

- The MAC strongly supports this proposal
- The MAC prefers a prospective review oversight process when considering candidates for medically urgent status

Next steps:

This feedback will be used to draft public comments to be posted on the OPTN website on the MAC's behalf.

3. Mid- Public Comment Update

The Committee discussed sentiment to date on their Data Collection to Assess Access to Transplant and Outcomes proposal to date.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the feedback the proposal received when it was presented to the Board of Directors (BOD) for a mid- public comment update. The Committee discussed ways to modify the proposed data elements, such as using an income range instead of one exact dollar amount. The Committee examined the regional sentiment, noticing that the proposal was better received after modifications were made to the presentation and methods for preparing the regional representatives were improved. A member suggested that in order to move forward the Committee would need to address how to prevent misuse of the data in addition to consider how to present this proposal to people who are concerned about sharing income data.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will gather the overall regional sentiment to present to the committee at their April 1, 2020 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 1, 2020 (Virtual Meeting)
- April 20, 2020 (Teleconference)