

**OPTN Minority Affairs Committee  
Meeting Summary  
June 15, 2020  
Conference Call**

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## **Introduction**

The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/15/20 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. BOD Feedback and Next Steps

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

### **1. BOD Feedback and Next Steps**

The Committee reviewed feedback solicited from the Board of Directors on the Socioeconomic Status (SES) Project. The Committee asked the BOD the following feedback questions:

- Does the BOD see value in the OPTN collecting SES data?
- Does the BOD believe MAC should work to revise the SES proposal and submit to a future public comment cycle?
- Does the BOD have additional ideas for revisions to this proposal?

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee agreed that involving more patient and stakeholder organizations is an important method for garnering the support the proposal lacked when it went to OPTN Public Comment in Winter 2020. Members agreed to reach out to organizations with which they are involved. The Committee determined that they will need to clearly define what this project will propose, what will be done with the data, and how the data will be kept secure. They also believe that they will need a more polished method for messaging the proposal to various audiences. This could involve presenters utilizing a script or key words and phrases. When presented with the option to investigate best practices by surveying hospitals who are successfully listing and transplanting more low SES candidates, the Committee decided that they would prefer to focus their efforts on outreach. The Committee also continued their discussion on the pros and cons of making fields optional, with members still split on this decision.

#### Next steps:

The Committee agreed to continue work on this project at a pace that allows for resubmission to the Winter 2021 OPTN Public Comment cycle. Committee leadership and UNOS staff will put together an action and outreach plan in order to move forward with this project.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- July 20, 2020
- August 17, 2020