

**OPTN Ethics Committee
CAT Rewrite Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
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Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Subcommittee met via Citrix GoTo teleconference on 06/17/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Recap of May Meeting
2. Discussion to Solidify Outline

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

1. Recap of May Meeting

Subcommittee members reviewed the decisions of the past month's meeting.

Summary of discussion:

One member asked about the composition of the subcommittee, noting the few number of participants. The Vice Chair asked if the subcommittee needed participants with any specific area of expertise. A member asked if there was a patient perspective on the subcommittee.

Members discussed their newness to the process and the need to progress with the project and move forward from discussions to drafting the white paper. The Chair noted that committee leadership and guidance from UNOS staff could assist the workgroup in taking on the next step of drafting the paper. The workgroup members shared their individual professional backgrounds.

A UNOS staff member gave a review of the following decisions made by the subcommittee on the previous call:

- Add material from the "repeat transplantation" section to the "life expectancy" section
- Keep the information general rather than specific in the "organ failure caused by behavior" section
- Add material from the financial challenges section to the compliance/adherence section
- Focus on access to medication for the financial challenges section rather than paying for the actual transplant
- Remove the alternative therapies section
- Not include a section on intellectual disability in the paper

UNOS staff noted that there was one outstanding question on whether the subcommittee wanted to do a combined section of "disadvantaged populations" or instead keep several sections separate. The subcommittee reviewed the project form and noted that the format of the paper could be modified and was up to the discretion of the subcommittee.

2. Discussion to Solidify Outline

The Committee began revising the preamble of the original document.

Summary of discussion:

The subcommittee went line by line through the preamble of the original document and revised sentences as needed. One member wondered why ethnicity bias was specifically identified in the previous review of the paper. The members agreed that it would be better to address “any type of bias” rather than specify “ethnicity bias”.

Next steps:

The subcommittee will work on their assigned sections to revise the original text.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 18th – Full Committee Call
- July 7th – Facilitating Patient Navigation
- July 15th – CAT Rewrite Subcommittee