

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

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Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/27/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss Changes to PHS Public Comment Proposal
2. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Case Review

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

1. Discuss Changes to PHS Public Comment Proposal

UNOS staff presented on changes to PHS Public Comment proposal following additional legal review.

Data summary:

Slides and draft language attached.

Summary of discussion:

Committee members would like to require Hepatitis B (HBV) vaccination. Since the OPTN does not currently have the authority to do so, they would like to implement mandatory data collection around candidate vaccination status. They want to ensure that it is mandatory so that there isn't a bias in reporting, with programs only reporting candidates who are vaccinated. Committee members would also like to know if it is possible to require other vaccinations be documented in candidate charts.

Committee members also expressed interest in requesting or pursuing secretarial intervention for the OPTN to have authority to require candidate HBV vaccination.

Vote to send revised policy language to Public Comment: 15 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no.

Next steps:

UNOS staff will send the revised policy language to Public Comment for community review and feedback. UNOS staff will consult with legal to see the amount of vaccination documentation the OPTN can require.

2. Closed Session: Confidential Peer Case Review

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had a closed session of confidential medical peer review of potential derived transmission events.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 24, 12 PM EST, Teleconference

- September 28, 12 PM EST, Teleconference
- October 13, 9 AM CST, Chicago, IL