OPTN Regional Review

A review to examine and optimize the roles of Regions
About the review

- The OPTN, the donation and transplant community, and organ allocation policies have undergone significant change since OPTN Regions were created.

- The review will evaluate the structure, processes, performance, and effectiveness of Regions.

- Current and future needs of the nation’s donation and transplant community will be considered.
What will the review address?

- **The purpose** of OPTN Regions – to the OPTN, members, and patients
- The basis for geographic regions in **governance and operation** of OPTN in an era of broader geographic sharing
- How OPTN Regions are used for **representation** of OPTN members
- The current **approach to structuring OPTN committees and the Board of Directors** with regional representatives
- The metrics needed to track and evaluate **effectiveness** of the OPTN, and how regions contribute to them
- Whether the current configuration of regions is **optimized**
- **Other configurations** that could be considered and what factors would influence a reconfiguration
# Regional review roadmap

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Request for community input</td>
<td>Summer</td>
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<td>Issue RFP for external vendor to conduct the project</td>
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<td>Select external vendor to lead project</td>
<td>Late Fall</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Vendor reviews community input and works with the OPTN to connect with community</td>
<td>Winter &amp; Spring</td>
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<td>Vendor studies OPTN system, other national governance systems, and prepares recommendations for Board of Directors</td>
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<td>OPTN Board of Directors receives recommendations and evaluates options</td>
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<td>Recommendations issued for public comment after review by the Board of Directors</td>
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<td>Board of Directors considers recommendations from public comment and approves any changes</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>Implementation begins of Board-approved recommendations</td>
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Key takeaways

- This will be an objective review with no predetermined outcome
- The review will be conducted by an independent 3rd party vendor
- There will be opportunities throughout the review for community input
- Any changes to bylaws or policies will go through the public comment process prior to Board of Directors consideration for approval
Next steps

- Your input is requested!
  - Participate in the first opportunity for input to the study
  - Questionnaire responses will be informational and made available to the selected vendor
  - Deadline to submit: September 30
  - [https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/regions/optn-regional-review/](https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/regions/optn-regional-review/)

- Third-party vendor will be chosen using extensive selection criteria, including but not limited to:
  - Experience in organizational structure design and governance
  - Expertise in management consulting
  - Expertise in operations and systems design
  - Previous client satisfaction

- The RFP process is anticipated to begin Fall 2020
Project Updates and Resources
For your consideration

- How do you describe the current OPTN regional structure?
- What are the advantages of the current OPTN regional structure?
- What are the disadvantages of the current OPTN regional structure?
Questions?