

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup
Meeting Summary
August 18, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/18/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project History and Overview
2. Next Steps

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

1. Project History and Overview

The Workgroup reviewed work to date and current scope. The goal of this project is to develop a data collection proposal that will promote effective data collection in evaluating the logistical impact of broader distribution.

Summary of discussion:

In response to the elimination of donation service areas (DSAs) and regions from organ allocation, the Operations and Safety Committee (OSC) wrote Guidance on Effective Practices in Broader Distribution. The guidance document included information on effective practices, how to promote collaboration with new partners, and tips on gaining efficiency and adaption to broader distribution. It was approved by the Board of Directors in June 2019. The request for feedback received was in support of additional data collection to evaluate the logistical impact of broader distribution. Some suggested data element topics include transportation mode, organ recovery, and ischemic time. Additionally, the Committee suggested the data elements be collected on the Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) and Transplant Recipient Registration (TRR) forms.

The Workgroup Chair asked if the Workgroup was aiming to analyze the impact of broader distribution on the transplant program or the organ. UNOS staff explained that the current suggested data elements aim to analyze broader distribution as a whole but the Workgroup can refine the focus.

That Workgroup Chair asked the Workgroup if they were interested in stratifying the data into two categories, renal and non-renal, because of the differences in allocation processes. Members agreed.

A member asked if the data element "transportation mode" was aiming to capture the type of transportation in which the organ leaves the DSA or all types of utilized transportation modes. Staff responded that previous discussions concluded that "transportation mode" would capture all various types of transportation utilized during transport.

Another member mentioned that "preservation mode" should capture whether the organ was transported on a pump or that it was pumped for a short time and then transported in cold storage.

A member asked if TransNet would be included within this project scope. Staff responded that there was conversation about collecting data from TransNet as it pertained to organ check in, but it had been discussed that there were variabilities in the organ check in process as well as limitations in scanning capabilities among transplant programs. The member asked for clarification on what systems will be used to capture these proposed data fields. Staff responded that the Workgroup will discuss which form and system they believe will be the most efficient way to capture this data.

The Workgroup Chair suggested collecting the type of courier used to analyze for efficiency. Another member asked if companies such as FedEx or UPS have been contacted for expertise on delivery efficiency. The Workgroup Chair responded they have been engaged in the past and will look into feasibility of engaging in the future.

A member asked if there was a way to analyze local on-site recovery centers. The Workgroup Chair expressed interest in this topic. The member also suggested capturing pre-recovery transport data, but ultimately decided that this data does not have an impact on allocation as it pertains to the purview of this project.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Workgroup.

2. Next Steps

The Workgroup will review data that is currently being collected. The Workgroup will identify gaps and recommend data element changes.

Upcoming Meeting

- September 15, 2020 (teleconference)
- October 20, 2020 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Anna Mello
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Jillian Wojtowicz
 - Asif Sharfuddin
 - Staci Carter
 - Stacy McKean
 - Vandana Khungar
 - James Trotter
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Arjun Naik
 - Raelene Skerda
 - Vanessa Arriola
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Grace Acda
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kristine Althaud
 - Lauren Motley
 - Melissa Lane
 - Sarah Taranto