

**OPTN Operations and Safety Committee
Meeting Summary
November 19, 2020
Conference Call**

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Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Operations and Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 11/19/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup Update
2. Updates: Committee Projects
3. Discussion: TransNet Labeling

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

1. Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup Update

The Committee received an update on the Broader Distribution Data Collection project.

Summary of discussion:

The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup has begun evaluating current data that is being collected related to broader distribution. The Workgroup decided to hold additional meetings for the members to brainstorm and work through assignments together.

There were no comments or questions.

2. Updates: Committee Projects

The Committee was updated on upcoming projects.

Summary of discussion:

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) tasked the Committee with establishing and sponsoring a Match Run Workgroup. The Match Run Workgroup will discuss and address recommendations from the POC Provisional Yes Workgroup around increasing offer filters and creating a more dynamic match run. The Match Run Workgroup will discuss these recommendations and refine the scope of the project as well as decide whether this project will include a policy component.

Additionally, the Committee will have representation on the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee sponsored Donation Process Workgroup. The Donation Process Workgroup is another Workgroup formed from the POC Efficient Matching Workgroups that will address communication enhancements in DonorNet.

There were no comments or questions.

3. Discussion: TransNet Labeling

The Committee discussed TransNet labeling as challenges with the system have been identified by the community.

Summary of discussion:

One challenge regarding TransNet labeling is the variation of time zones throughout the system. The absence of a standardized time zone entry makes it difficult to determine what fields are in what time zone, since organs travel across time zones. Another identified challenge with TransNet labeling is the variation in the definition of recovery time, especially as it pertains to vessel storage. Currently, policy does not contain a definition for recovery time, but it is defined in the TIEDI Help Documentation as “the date the donor entered the operating room for the purpose of organ recovery”. Feedback from the community sought more clarity on this definition and suggested changing the definition to time of crossclamp.

A member asked if there is a separate field for vessel recovery in TransNet. The Chair responded there is an organ recovery data field and a vessel recovery data field. The Chair stated that when an extra vessel label is printed, the system requests the recovery date which creates problems for transplant programs and vessel discards. The Chair explained that vessel discard data has shown transplant programs discarding vessels one day late because of the variation in use of crossclamp date versus entry to the operating room. The Chair emphasized the need for alignment in TransNet labeling.

UNOS staff explained that the Committee can consult with IT to standardize time zones within TransNet or allow the system to have the capability to convert respective time zones. Additionally, the Committee can re-evaluate and include recovery date definition in policy for further standardization.

The Committee agreed to look into this further as a potential project.

There were no additional questions or comments. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 17, 2020 (teleconference)
- January 28, 2020 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Audrey Kleet
 - Charles Strom
 - Christopher Curran
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Joanne Oxman
 - Karl Schillinger
 - Kim Koontz
 - Melinda Locklear
 - Melissa Parente
 - Michael Marvin
 - Rich Rothweiler
 - Susan Stockemer
 - Susan Weese
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Lauren Motley
 - Leah Slife
 - Meghan McDermott