

**OPTN Operations and Safety Committee
Meeting Summary
December 17, 2020
Conference Call**

**Christopher Curran, CPTC, CTBS, CTOP, Chair
Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Vice Chair**

Introduction

The Operations and Safety Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 12/17/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Update: Kidney and Pancreas Allocation Policies
2. Review and Discussion: Project Portfolio
3. Updates: Committee Projects

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

1. Update: Kidney and Pancreas Allocation Policies

The Committee received an update that the implementation of kidney and pancreas allocation policies will be postponed until February 13, 2021. Current kidney and pancreas policies will remain in effect pending further notice.

2. Review and Discussion: Project Portfolio

The Committee discussed their involvement with OPTN projects.

Summary of discussion:

Technology Tools Workgroup

The Technology Tools Workgroup is a Policy Oversight Committee (POC) directed project sponsored by the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee. The Technology Tools Workgroup aims to address communication enhancement through DonorNet. There are Committee members on this workgroup.

Organ Packaging Project

The Collaborative Improvement team is currently in the evidence gathering stage. The Collaborative Team is working with the Education Department to discuss potential educational resources for members regarding organ packaging techniques. The Committee will be involved in conversations if an educational resource is developed.

Creating Criteria for Patient Safety Reporting

The Committee expressed continued interest in this project.

Directed Deceased Donors on Match Runs

The Chair suggested combining this project idea with the Match Run Rules Workgroup. Additionally, the Chair suggested gathering data on the number of directed deceased donations as well as how many

times do directed deceased donations occur without the candidate being on the match run. A member stated that having an organ verification sheet for living donors is also needed for transplant safety.

TransNet Labels

The Committee expressed continued interest in this project.

Next Steps:

- The Committee was encouraged to participate in any projects (current or pending) that were of interest to them.

3. Updates: Committee Projects

The Committee discussed their current projects.

Summary of discussion:

Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup

The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup did some pre-work in discussing data elements in small groups. The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup then came back together to review and provide additional feedback and recommendations on data elements. Recommendations and discussions were focused on the relevance of data as it pertains to the broader sharing and the relevance of data overall within the system. The Workgroup used the Data Element Standard of Review Checklist as a tool to review the data elements. The Broader Distribution Data Collection Workgroup will continue to review and discuss data elements.

Match Run Rules Workgroup

The Match Run Rules Workgroup is a POC directed workgroup which will address the recommendations of increasing offer filters and creating a dynamic match run. The first Match Run Rule Workgroup would be held on December 17, 2020 after the Committee's meeting

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 28, 2020 (teleconference)
- February 25, 2020 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Audrey Kleet
 - Charles Strom
 - Christopher Curran
 - Dominic Adorno
 - Greg Abrahamian
 - Joanne Oxman
 - Kim Koontz
 - Luis Mayen
 - Melissa Parente
 - Rich Rothweiler
 - Steven Johnson
 - Susan Stockemer
 - Susan Weese
 - Vandana Khungar
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Lauren Motley
 - Matt Prentice
 - Meghan McDermott