

**OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee
Membership Requirements Revision Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
December 2, 2020
Conference Call**

Clifford Miles, M.D., Chair

Introduction

The Membership Requirements Revision Subcommittee of the Membership and Professionals Standards Committee (MPSC) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference on December 2, 2020, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Overview
2. Membership Requirements Bylaw Proposal Review
3. Transplant Program Key Personnel Format

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

1. Overview

The Membership Requirements Revision Subcommittee Chair gave an opening statement and discussed the objectives of the meeting. Staff explained that the goal for the meeting was for the subcommittee to review the proposal and reach a consensus about whether to recommend that the MPSC approve the proposal for the next public comment cycle. Additionally, the Subcommittee reviewed the transplant program key personnel format changes and questions in the Request for Feedback draft document.

2. Membership Requirements Bylaw Proposal Review

The Subcommittee reviewed the Membership Requirements Bylaw Proposal, which contains substantial revisions to Appendix A: Membership and Designated Transplant Program Application and Review, Appendix B: Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Members and Appendix D: Transplant Hospital Members and Designated Transplant Programs. The proposal also contains revisions to Article 1: Membership, Appendices E – K that contain organ-specific transplant program requirements, Appendix M: Reviews and Actions and Appendix N: Definitions to ensure consistency with revisions made to Appendix A, B, and D. Staff provided an overview of the proposal. The Subcommittee provided the following feedback on the proposed revisions:

- Appendix A: Membership and Designated Transplant Program Application and Review: Subcommittee recommended not delaying the effective date of removal of the Geographically Isolated Transplant Program Applications section. The effective date was an open question from an earlier MPSC discussion of whether to delay the effective date until new conditional pathways could be approved.
- Appendix D: Transplant Hospital Members and Designated Transplant Programs:
 - The Subcommittee chair recommended rewording the language in Designated Transplant Program Requirements and Facilities and Resource Sections.
 - The Subcommittee recommended adding the word "intestine" to the table in D-1 to note all organ types.

- The Subcommittee discussed the OPO affiliation requirement within the Facilities and Resources section and suggested the use of the term “written agreement” be modified to be consistent with current changes to DSA requirements. The subcommittee supported leaving the language as is and planned to revisit the topic after the public comment cycle.

Following the discussion, the Subcommittee participated in a poll and unanimously supported a motion to recommend to the MPSC that it approve the proposal for public comment.

3. Transplant Program Key Personnel Format

The Subcommittee reviewed a summary of the proposed new transplant program key personnel format and provided suggestions on questions for the Request for Feedback draft document:

- **Conditional Pathway Requirements:** The Subcommittee recommended including a request for feedback about adding an extension option to the conditional pathway requirements for primary surgeons and physicians.
- **Foreign Equivalency:** The Subcommittee approved the proposed format and potential questions for the request for feedback draft.
- **Primary Transplant Surgeon Requirements:** The Subcommittee supported the proposed format and potential questions for the request for feedback.
- **Primary Transplant Surgeon Experience Requirements:** The Subcommittee suggested including the current aspects of care in the request for feedback draft.

Following the discussion, the Subcommittee participated in a poll and unanimously supported a motion to recommend to the MPSC that it approve the Request for Feedback document.

Upcoming Meeting

- December 15, 2020, 1:00 -3:00pm, ET, MPSC Conference Call

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Clifford D. Miles (Subcommittee Chair)
 - Christina D. Bishop
 - Theresa M. Daly
 - Jonathan A. Fridell
 - PJ Geraghty
 - Edward F. Hollinger
 - Ian R. Jamieson
 - Heung Bae Kim
 - Jon A. Kobashigawa
 - Anne M. Krueger
 - Saeed Mohammad
 - Nicole A. Pilch
 - Scott C. Silvestry
 - Lisa M. Stocks
 - Parsia A. Vagefi
 - Gebhard Wagener
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn E. Levi
 - Arjun U. Naik
 - Raelene Skerda
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Tameka Bland
 - Demi Emmanouil
 - Katie Favaro
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Sandy Miller
 - Amy Minkler
 - Liz Robbins Callahan
 - Sharon Shepherd
 - Olivia Taylor
 - Roger Vacovsky
 - Marta Waris
- **Other Attendees**
 - None