

## **OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee**

**March 25, 2021**

**Conference Call**

**Barry Friedman, RN, BSN, MBA, CPTC, Chair**

**Pramod Bonde, MD, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 03/25/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discussion: Citizenship Status Guidance Document
2. Update: International Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Workgroup

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

### **1. Discussion: Citizenship Status Guidance Document**

The Committee discussed the Citizenship Guidance Document project and reviewed the results from the survey.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed feedback from OPTN Committees regarding the guidance document. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the timeline for developing the guidance document and confirmed the outline.

The Committee agreed to title the project, *Guidance for Data Collection Regarding Classification of Citizenship Status*.

A member requested the Committee review OPTN materials related to data collection issues in order to aid in writing the "factors contribution to inaccurate data collection" section of the guidance document.

There were no additional questions or comments.

#### Next Steps:

A SharePoint site will be developed for a central source of information for this project. The Committee will begin to develop the contents of the citizenship status guidance document.

### **2. Update: International Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Workgroup**

The Committee reviewed the International KPD Workgroup's discussion from their second meeting on March 24, 2021.

#### Summary of discussion:

Summary of 3/24 meeting discussions

- Canada is not yet ready to discuss cross border sharing
- Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) is currently reviewing the authority for the OPTN to address this issue
- Ethical concerns

- Donor complications
- Financial concerns
- Contractual concerns
- Workgroup will continue to identify potential barriers and work on how to overcome those

A member requested *The Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism* document to be shared with the Committee for awareness of the ethical concerns.

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

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- April 22, 2021 (teleconference)
- May 27, 2021 (teleconference)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Barry Friedman
  - Howard Nathan
  - Min Zhou
  - Peter Stock
  - Prakash Rao
  - Samy Riad
  - Sylvia Gonzalez
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Chris McLaughlin
  - Jim Bowman
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Jen Wainright
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Robert Hunter
  - Supraja Malladi