Optn Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)
Meeting Summary
May 17, 2021
Conference Call

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Introduction
The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on
05/17/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

2. Reassess Race in estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) Calculation Workgroup Update

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


A member of the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (AHIRC) presented Guidance for Data
Collection Regarding Classification of Citizenship Status and requested feedback from the MAC.

Summary of discussion:
A member noted that more granular socioeconomic data should be collected to explore the status of
the NCNR recipients. This member added that it would be helpful to know how prevalent organ
donation from an NCNR is after death compared to the NCRC that receive organ transplants. A member
asked if those candidates considered NCNR are self-identified or if their status is verified by paperwork.
The presenter responded that these protocols are established by the individual transplant programs, but
that AHIRC recommends verification of these candidates with a birth certificate when possible. A
member suggested that possession of a social security card could separate the residents from non-
residents.

Next steps:
The AHIRC member will take the MAC’s input back to their committee for consideration.

2. Reassess Race in estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) Calculation Workgroup Update

The Committee heard the latest on the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Workgroup and discussed
experiences with removing the Black race coefficient at their own centers.

Summary of discussion:
A member asked the Committee if any members have attempted to or successfully eliminated the Black
race coefficient from their program’s eGFR. A member responded that their program was able to
eliminate the Black race coefficient from their eGFR and that this was fairly simple from an operational
standpoint. The Committee agreed with the Workgroup’s selected community feedback topics.

Next steps:
The Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Workgroup will consider this feedback as they develop their Request for Feedback (RFF).

**Upcoming Meeting**

- June 21, 2021
Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Juan del Rio Martin
  - Lakeicha Gunter
  - Nicole Hayde
  - Christine Hwang
  - Reynold Lopez-Soler
  - Paulo Martins
  - Yesenia Mora-Coffey
  - Okechukwu Ojogho
  - Oyedolamu Olaitan
  - Tahaunt Pena
  - Wayne Tsuang
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Vanessa Arriola
  - Jim Bowman
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Kelsi Lindblad
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Kelley Poff
  - Matt Prentice
  - Niyati Upadhyay
  - Ross Walton
  - Joann White
  - Anne Zehner
- **Other Attendees**
  - Alejandro Diez (incoming MAC vice chair, July 2021)
  - Barry Friedman (Ad Hoc International Relations Committee Chair)
  - Jason Narverud (incoming MAC member, July 2021)
  - Pono Shim (visiting Board member)