OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)
Meeting Summary
June 21, 2021
Conference Call

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Introduction
The OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on
06/21/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. 2022 Call for Nominations
2. Calculated Panel Reactive Antibodies (CPRA) Revision Project Update
3. Public Comment Voting Item: Reassess Race in Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) Calculation Request for Feedback (RFF)

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

1. 2022 Call for Nominations

The Committee was provided an overview of the OPTN 2022 Call for Nominations process.

Summary of discussion:
The Committee Chair stated that in order to provide a more accurate depiction of the organization’s
diversity, the race/ethnicity of OPTN Committee and Board members should be presented as whole
percentages. Committee members were asked to refer any OPTN Committee and Board candidates to
UNOS staff and to share nomination information with anyone who they believe would be an engaged
OPTN volunteer. Members who are rolling off the Committee were encouraged to update their OPTN
applications and to reach out if they had interest in serving on the Board.

Next steps:
The Committee determined they would discuss plans for referring potential volunteers to the OPTN
during their next meeting.

2. CPRA Revision Project Update

The Committee was provided an overview and update on the OPTN Histocompatibility Committee’s
CPRA Revision Project.

Summary of discussion:
The Committee Chair inquired whether bone marrow registry was the most accurate way to get human
leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing. The Histocompatibility Committee representative stated that for their
purposes, accessibility to the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is the best source of data. The
Committee Chair asked about bias in the NMDP dataset due to the volunteer sample size. The
Histocompatibility Committee representative stated that in the context of the current CPRA calculator,
there are high degrees of similarity at an antigen resolution level. The representative stated that there is
the ability to adjust some of the frequencies in mass based on the ethnicity of the patient or make up of
the donor pool. The Committee Vice Chair expressed concern that the database does not reflect the
donor population or United States population. This member suggested that in public comment, the
OPTN compare the demographics of the database with that of the U.S. population.

The Committee Vice Chair asked whether this proposal aims to increase accessibility or safety of
transplantation. The representative stated that the proposal intended to refine virtual cross matching,
expand safety to include the unacceptable antigens, and reduce manual vetting of a donor-recipient
pairing. This proposal aims to increase both efficiency and safety.

3. Public Comment Voting Item: Reassess Race in estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)
Calculation Request for Feedback (RFF)

The Committee voted to send the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation RFF to OPTN August 2021 Public
Comment period.

Vote: 11- Support, 0-Abstain, 0- Oppose

Summary of discussion:

The Committee unanimously voted in support of the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation RFF. The RFF will
be submitted to Public Comment in August 2021.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 12, 2021
Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Juan Del Rio Martin
  - Stephen Gray
  - Nicole Hayde
  - Christine Hwang
  - Irene Kim
  - Paulo Martins
  - Okechukwu Ojogho
  - Oyedolamu Olaitan
  - Tahaunty Pena
  - Manual Rodriguez Davalos
  - Wayne Tsuang

- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Vanessa Arriola

- **SRTR Staff**
  - Bryn Thompson

- **UNOS Staff**
  - Savanah Holmes
  - Kelsi Lindblad
  - Sara Moriarty
  - Kelley Poff
  - Tina Rhoades
  - Susie Sprinson
  - Niyati Upadhyay
  - Anna Wall
  - Ross Walton
  - Joann White

- **Other**
  - Alejandro Diez (Incoming MAC Vice Chair, July 2021)
  - Jon Lunz (OPTN Histocompatibility Vice Chair)
  - Jason Narverud (Incoming MAC member, July 2021)
  - Pono Shim (MAC visiting Board member)