

## **OPTN Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**July 12, 2021**

**Conference Call**

**Paulo Martins, MD, PhD, Chair**

**Alejandro Diez, MD, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Minority Affairs Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 7/12/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPTN and MAC Orientation
2. Introduction to the UNOS Research Department and the Role in OPTN Committee Support
3. American Transplant Congress: Diversity and Inclusion

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

#### **1. OPTN and MAC Orientation**

The Committee was provided an overview of OPTN governance structure and policy development process, in addition to information about MAC membership.

##### Summary of discussion:

A Committee member clarified the goal of the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation project is to examine the role of racial bias in medical practices. For those interested in learning more, the Committee Chair noted that there is additional literature available in SharePoint.

In order to prepare to present the Reassess Race in eGFR Calculation Request for Feedback (RFF) during regional meetings, a Committee member suggested that regional representatives share feedback and questions received. The Committee Chair stated that questions and answers from each meeting will be discussed to inform and prepare regional representatives.

#### **2. Introduction to the UNOS Research Department and the Role in OPTN Committee Support**

The Committee was introduced to the UNOS Research Department and their role in OPTN Committee support.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee Chair inquired about how the UNOS Research Department prioritizes Committee support. UNOS staff responded that while there is no formal system of prioritization, the Committee is encouraged to reach out if any additional support is needed.

#### **3. American Transplant Congress: Diversity and Inclusion**

The Committee Chair proposed to feature the role of race in eGFR calculations at the next American Transplant Congress (ATC).

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee Vice Chair supported this initiative, stating that it would be an opportunity to hear public opinion prior to Public Comment to inform a future policy proposal. The Committee Chair stated the importance of feedback and collaboration at this venue, noting the diverse perspectives present at the ATC.

Next Steps:

The Committee Chair will reach out to key stakeholders, including the American Society of Transplantation (AST) and American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS).

**Upcoming Meetings**

- August 16, 2021 (Teleconference)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Alejandro Diez
  - Amaka Eneanya
  - Stephen Gray
  - Christine Hwang
  - Irene Kim
  - Adrian Lawrence
  - Paulo Martins
  - Jason Narverud
  - Okechukwu Ojogho
  - Wayne Tsuang
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Lauren Darensbourg
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Bryn Thompson
  - Monica Colvin
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Anne McPherson
  - Kelley Poff
  - Ross Walton
  - Kelsi Lindblad
  - Savannah Holmes
- **Guests**
  - Pono Shim (visiting Board member)