

OPTN Ethics Committee

Meeting Summary

July 29, 2021

Conference Call

Keren Ladin, PhD, Chair

Andrew Flescher, PhD, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Ethics Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 07/29/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Vote on White Paper – *Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation*

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

1. Vote on White Paper – *Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation*

The Chair provided a brief overview of the changes that occurred which the Committee will be voting on today. The changes reflect the Committee's effort to address certain comments provided by HRSA staff. The Chair called the vote and multiple members seconded it. The Committee was asked 'Are any members *opposed* to sending the white paper, *Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation*, to the OPTN Executive Committee to proceed for public comment?' A voice vote was conducted and the Committee unanimously voted, 11-0, in support.

Next steps:

UNOS staff informed the Committee that the white paper will go the OPTN Executive Committee on July 30, 2021 before public comment begins on August 3, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 19, 2021
- September 21, 2021
- October 29, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 16, 2021
- January 20, 2022
- February 17, 2022
- March 17, 2022
- April 21, 2022
- May 19, 2022
- June 16, 2022

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Aaron Wightman
 - Andrew Flescher
 - Catherine Vascik
 - Colleen Reed
 - Ehab Saad
 - George Bayliss
 - Keren Ladin
 - Lynsey Biondi
 - Melissa Anderson
 - Sanjay Kulkarni
 - Tania Lyons
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Maryam Valapour
- **SRTR Representative**
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Carrie Caumont
 - Eric Messick
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Ross Walton
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Susie Sprinson