

# OPTN Policy Oversight Committee

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# Policy Oversight Committee Membership

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# Policy Oversight Committee Role

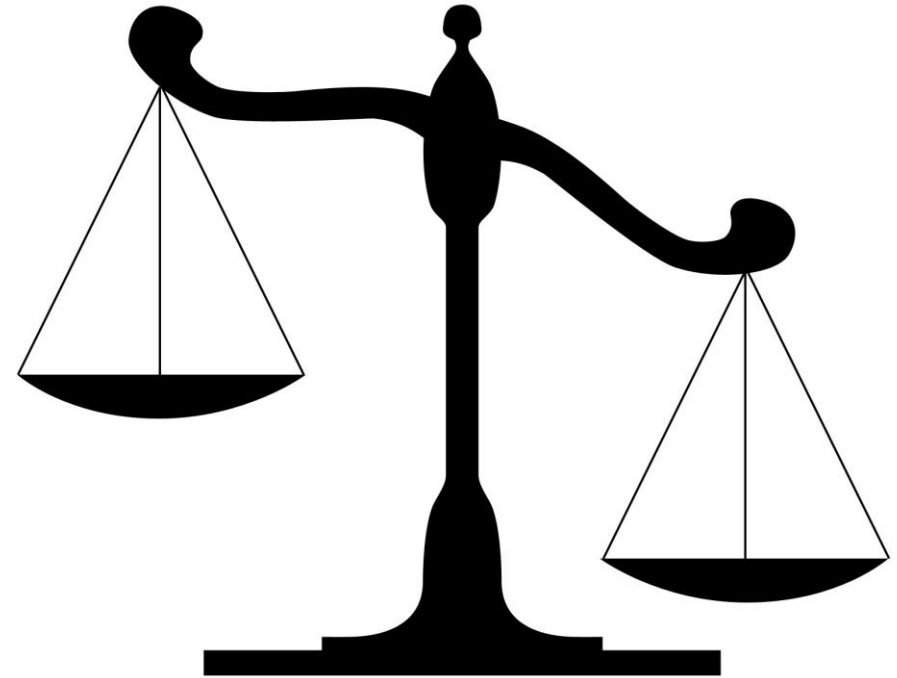
Advises the Board of Directors and Executive Committee on:

- Developing strategic policy priorities
- Prioritizing and coordinating policy and committee projects
- Evaluating policy and committee proposals prior to public comment
- Assessing impact of implemented policy proposals
- Ensuring OPTN committees justify proposals in compliance with policy development requirements, NOTA, and Final Rule

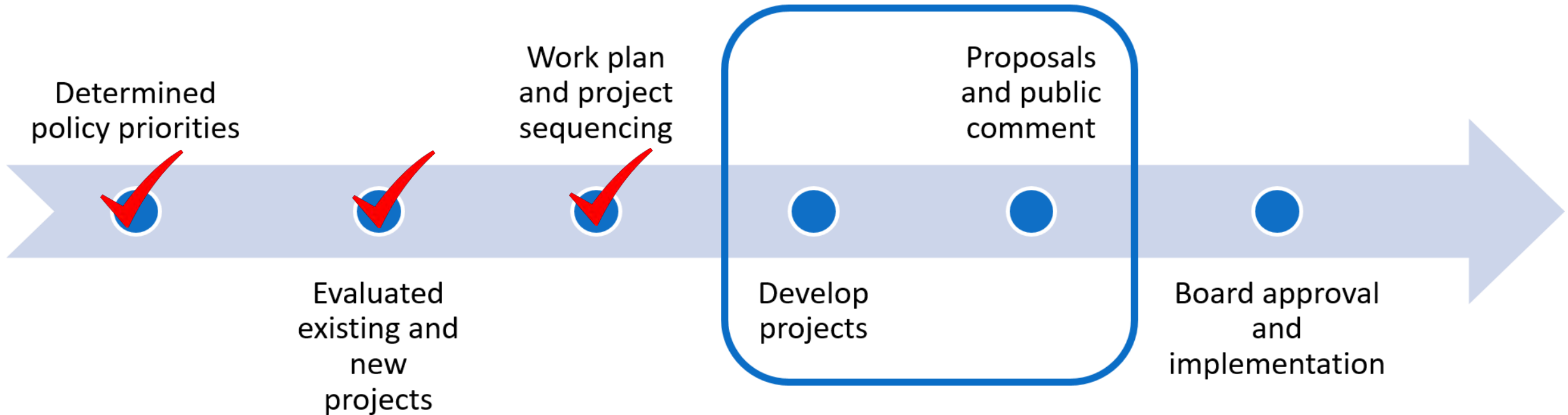
# Strategic Oversight

The Policy Oversight Committee helps balance committee work

- Identifies areas for coordination
- Considers sequencing for effectiveness
- Considers distribution of work
- Prioritizes based on impact and effort



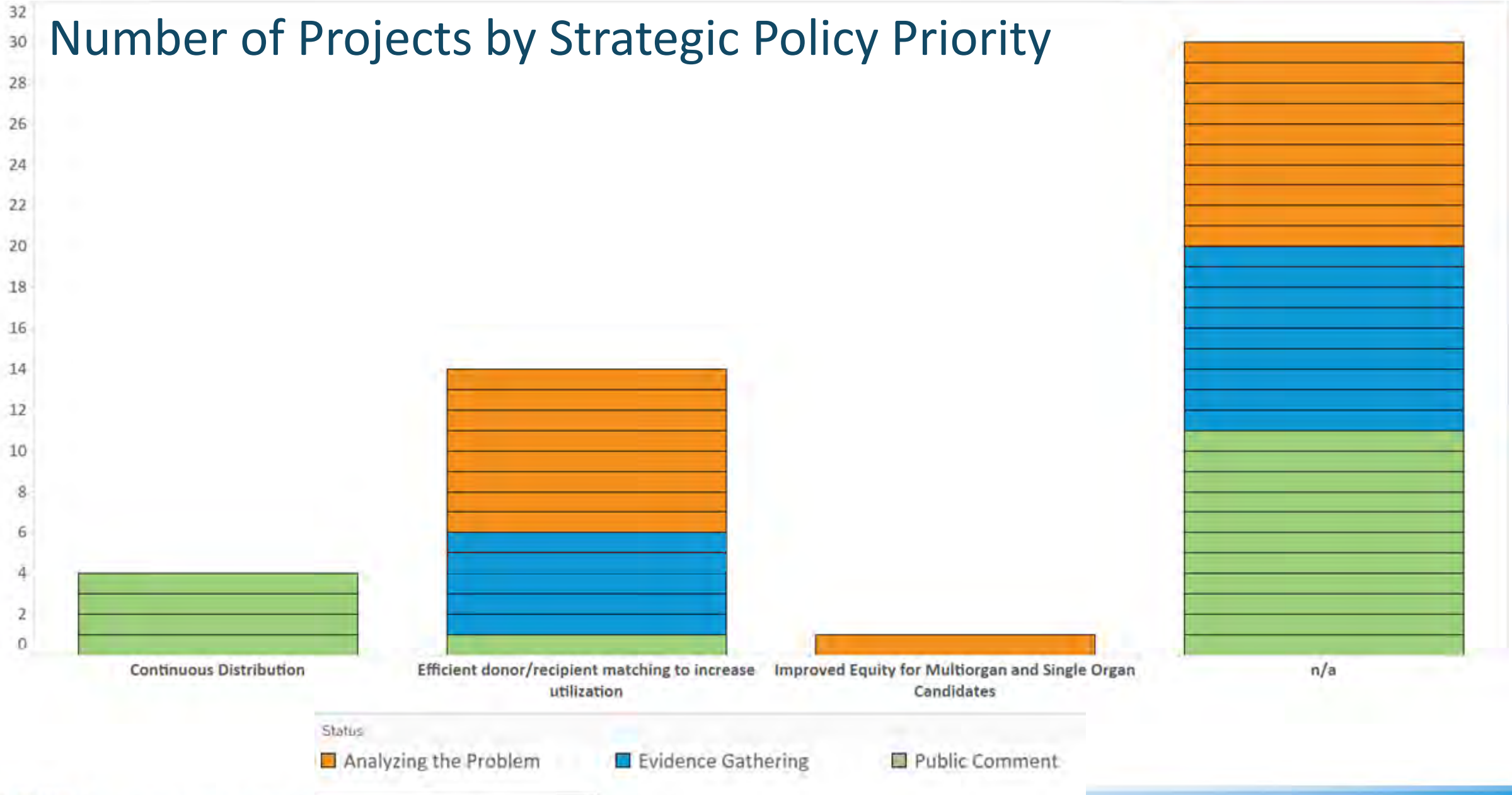
# Process for Strategic Policy Priorities



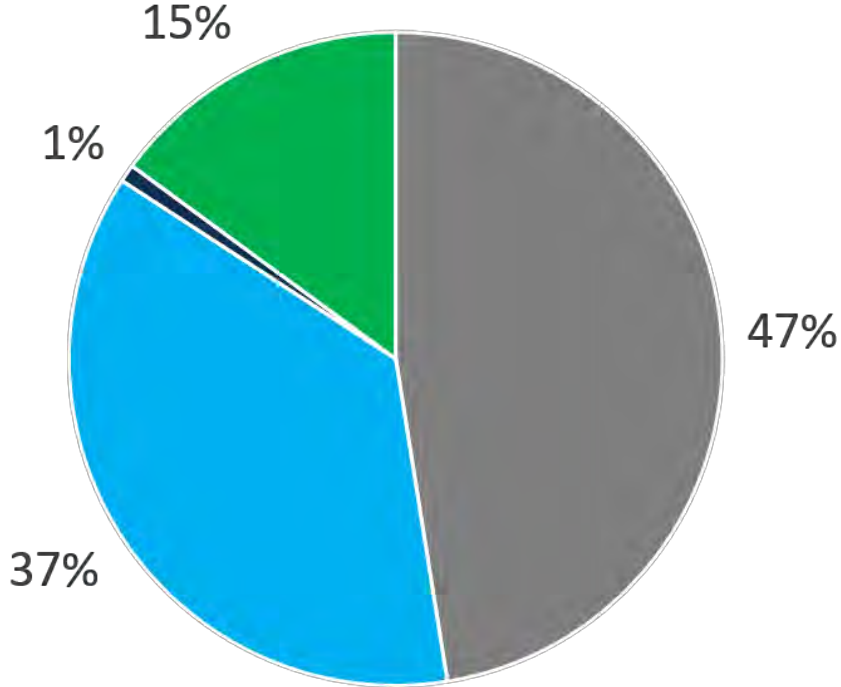
# Strategic Policy Priorities

- Continuous distribution
- Efficient donor/recipient matching to increase utilization
- Improved equity for multiorgan and single organ candidates

# Number of Projects by Strategic Policy Priority



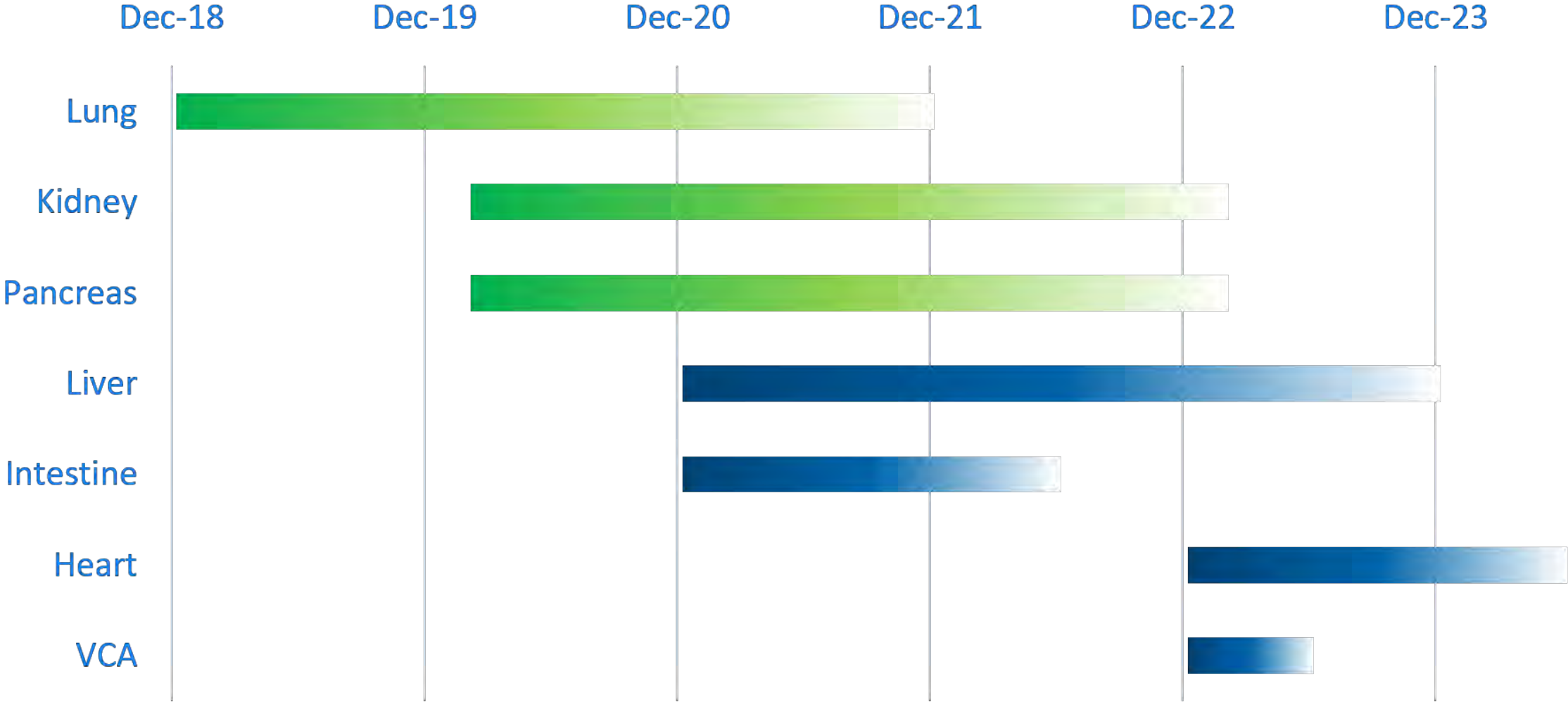
# % Overall Effort for Each Strategic Policy Priority



- Other
- Continuous Distribution
- Improved Equity for Multiorgan and Single Organ Candidates
- Efficient donor/recipient matching to increase utilization



# Continuous Distribution Sequence



# Efficient Matching – Increase Utilization

- New Data Advisory Committee project to improve data to allow evaluation of late turn downs
- Efficient matching workgroups
- Match Run Rules – Operations and Safety Committee
  - Technology Tools – OPO Committee
  - Biopsy Practices – Kidney Committee

# Match Run Rules

Workgroup will begin work on the following projects:

- **Redefine provisional yes:** Improve processes to increase the efficiency of organ offer, review, and acceptance system
  - Redefine provisional yes and associated member responsibilities
  - Limit amount of organ offers
  - Modify organ offer time limits with system enforcement
  - Modify organ offer notifications
- **Mandatory usage of offer filters:** Mandate usage of offer filters based on identified criteria in policy
  - Initial effort will address mandatory kidney offer filters
    - Based on sequencing, all organs will be subsequently addressed

# Technology Tools

Workgroup will continue to provide input on the following:

- DonorNet mobile – single-nodal entry of key recovery dates and times
- Time zone conversion project – automatic time zone conversion
- Image sharing – biopsies
  - Collaborate with the Biopsy Workgroup to ensure alignment of efforts

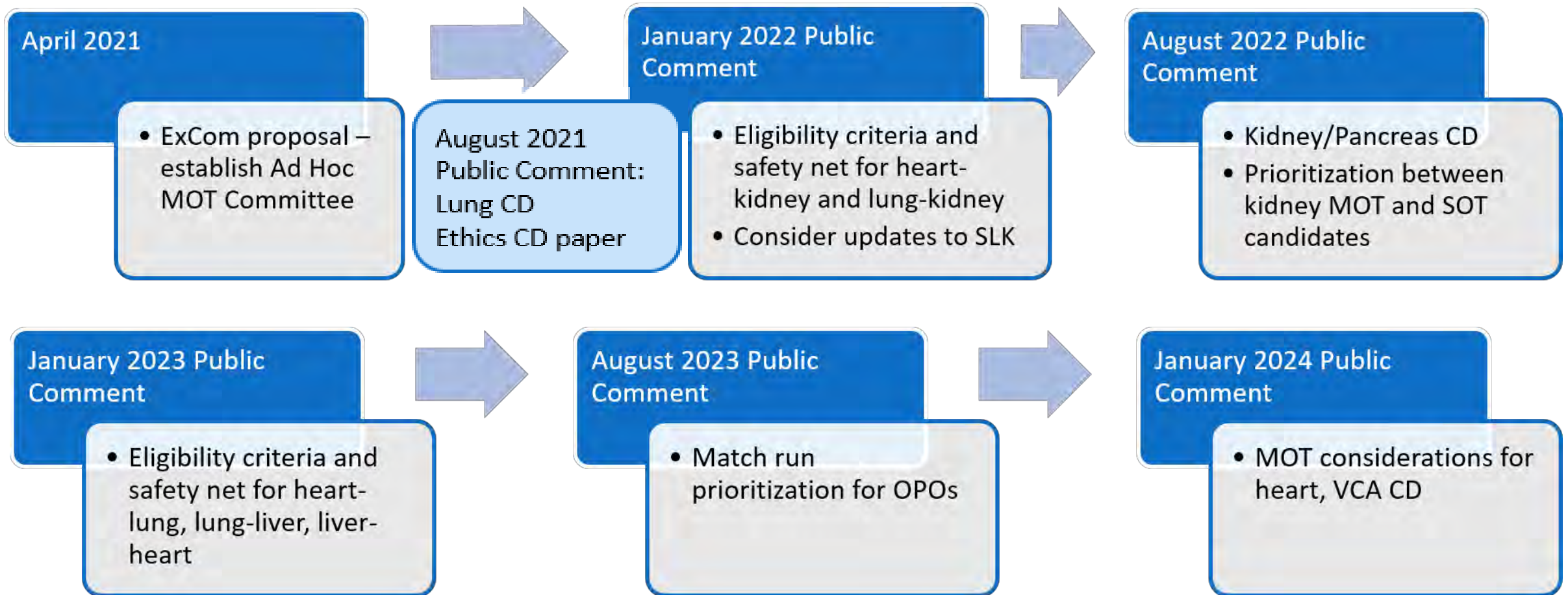
## Update DonorNet Clinical Data Collection

- Provide better data for transplant hospitals to evaluate donor organs
  - Echocardiograms
  - Medications/fluids
  - Infectious disease testing
  - Donation after circulatory death (DCD)

# Biopsy Practices

- Workgroup will continue developing concurrent projects:
  - Standardized Biopsy Report – standardized pathology report will improve consistency in analysis and reporting, improving quality and efficiency
    - Intended to be integrated into DonorNet and incorporated into policy as minimum information required to report with biopsy
  - Minimum Criteria Appropriate for Biopsy is intended to standardize biopsy performance, preventing unnecessary biopsies and analysis and potentially reducing cold ischemic time, increasing offer acceptance efficiency, and reducing organ discards
- Both projects projected for proposal during the January 2022 Public Comment cycle
  - Workgroup is currently in the Evidence Gathering stage, reviewing and discussing literature and data to improve and finalize the projects

# MOT Committee proposed project map





# Policy Oversight Improvements

- Include key metrics throughout project lifecycle
  - Determine that the project is the best approach for the desired outcome
  - Monitor projects to ensure they are achieving the desired outcome
- Improve ability to prioritize based on available resources and expected workload
  - Is it the best timing?
  - Is it the proper scope?
  - Are all appropriate stakeholders involved?
  - Does the OPTN have the resources available to take on the project?

# Questions