

OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

September 7, 2021

Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 09/07/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Vice Chair Nomination and Selection Process
2. Closed Session: Confidential Medical Peer Review

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

1. Vice Chair Nomination and Selection Process

UNOS Transplant Community Administrator presented on the upcoming nomination and selection process for the DTAC Vice Chair position starting on the July 2022 cycle.

Data summary:

Nomination and selection goals:

- Increase transparency in the selection process
 - Committee is aware of nomination and selection process
 - VC vacancy is announced in the annual call for nominations
- Promote inclusiveness
 - Full committee and others participate in the nomination process for VC selection
 - Full committee participates in the selection process
- Thorough review and vetting of VC candidates
 - Interested individuals submit an updated volunteer interest form, personal statement, agree to responsibilities, and meet qualifications
 - Final candidates go through a formal interview process

Nomination and selection process:

- Implemented new process for 2021 vacancies after successful 2020 pilot
- Call for interest: Current committee members, members serving in the last 5 years on the committee, and applicants who meet the needs of the committee for VC
 - Candidates must meet qualifications in the VC job description and commit to responsibilities
- Candidate information is sent to current committee members to select top 4 candidates
- Top 4 candidates are interviewed by current chair and/or vice-chair
- Primary and secondary candidates are recommended to the OPTN President-Elect for consideration and final appointment

Estimated timeline:

- September-October: Call for nominations
- October: Committee selects top four candidates
- October-December: Interviews
- End of December: Primary and secondary recommendations are submitted for consideration to OPTN President-Elect
- January: Vice Chair appointments made

Summary of discussion:

Members had no questions or concerns.

Next steps:

UNOS Research staff will modify the next monitoring report based on committee discussions.

2. Closed Session: Confidential Medical Peer Review

Summary of discussion:

The Committee had a closed session review of potential donor-derived transmission events.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 28, 2021, 10 am EDT, Teleconference
- October 5, 2021, 3 pm EDT, Teleconference
- October 25, 2021, 12 pm EDT, Teleconference

Closed Session Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Ann Woolley
 - Avi Agarwal
 - Charles Marboe
 - Gary Marklin
 - Helen Te
 - Jason Goldman
 - Kelly Dunn
 - Meenakshi Rana
 - Michelle Kittleson
 - Ricardo La Hoz
 - Sarah Taimur
 - Stephanie Pouch
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
- **CDC Staff**
 - Ian Kracalik
 - Pallavi Annambhotla
 - Rebecca Free
 - Sridhar Basavaraju
- **FDA Staff**
 - Brychan Clark
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Abby Fox
 - Anne McPherson
 - Cassandra Meekins
 - Courtney Jett
 - Emily Womble
 - Sandy Bartal