

## **OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**August 21, 2025**

**Conference Call**

**Christine Brenner, RN, BSN, CPTC, CCTC, Chair**

**Heather Bastardi, RN, MSN, CPNP, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Transplant Coordinators Committee (“the Committee”, “TCC”) met via Webex on 08/21/25 to discuss the following agenda items:

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

1. DTAC Presentation
2. Regional Meeting Prep
3. Project Next Steps
4. Public Comment Information

### **1. DTAC Presentation**

**The Committee did not make any decisions.**

#### Summary of Presentation:

Staff from the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee presented an update on their Rabies Transmission Directive.

#### Summary of Discussion:

A member asked if prophylaxis should be a requirement for at-risk patients. Staff responded that the Committee is not considering a requirement, and rather, the Committee is proposing that the transplant program is required to have a conversation about prophylaxis with a patient if a risk is present.

A member suggested that patients should be assured that there is no penalty for patient declining organs in this policy, like with PHS risk criteria. This member also encouraged DTAC to create educational materials guiding programs in explaining risks to patients.

A member said that she agreed that policy language should align with PHS risk criteria, and that programs should be required to disclose organ-specific risk factors to intended recipients. The member stated they wondered if this project proposal is based on an MPSC root-cause analysis, or if it is based on general guidance. They also added that documentation on decision-making should be included, but such information should only be written in patient medical records if the decision-making includes patient input.

A member said they would appreciate guidance of outlining program responsibility for monitoring serial conversion of rabies. Another added that given the rarity of this situation, policy requirements would be burdensome.

## 2. Regional Meeting Prep

**The Committee did not make any decisions.**

### Summary of Presentation:

TCC Staff covered general regional meeting information and reviewed presenter responsibilities.

## 3. Project Next Steps

**The Committee did not make any decisions.**

### Summary of Discussion:

TCC leadership sought Committee feedback on potential education modules or guidance document projects. A member said that patient-facing materials, including resources on organ risk factors, could be made. Another member said that materials for coordinators on how to explain points, calculations, and scores (such as MELD/PELD, KPDI, continuous distribution, CPRA, etc.) to patients could be helpful.

A member also asked if eGFR education will be released soon. Staff responded that this is being handled by the Minority Affairs Committee.

### Next steps:

The Committee will continue discussing new project ideas.

### **Next meeting:**

9/18/2025

## **Attendance**

- **Committee Members**
  - Kati Robinson
  - Robin Petersen-Webster
  - Ashley Cardenas
  - Amy Olsen
  - Stacy McKean
  - Courtney Risley
  - Karl Neumann
  - Whitney Holland
  - Brandy Baldwin
  - Eve Cabatan
  - Christine Brenner
  - Katherine Meneses
  - Heather Bastardi
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Jamie Panko
  - Lindsay Larkin
  - Cole Fox
  - Ross Walton
  - Kevin Daub
  - Carly Rhyne