

## **OPTN Ad Hoc International Relations Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**November 16, 2021**

### **Conference Call**

**Barry Friedman, RN, BSN, MBA, CPTC, Chair**

**Pramod Bonde, MD, Vice Chair**

#### **Introduction**

The Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoTo Meeting teleconference on 11/16/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. UNet: Multi-Factor Authentication
2. Policy Development Process
3. Discussion: Project Ideas

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

#### **1. UNet: Multi-Factor Authentication**

The Committee received an update regarding the upcoming multi-factor authentication for UNet.

##### Summary of discussion:

There were no comments or questions.

#### **2. Policy Development Process**

The Committee reviewed the policy development process.

##### Summary of discussion:

There were no comments or questions

#### **3. Discussion: Project Ideas**

The Committee began discussing project ideas.

##### Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed potential project ideas:

- Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) with Canada
- Citizenship Status Data Collection
- Mechanism for informal exchange of ideas for international transplant community
- Focus on bringing attention to the Committee's work via newsletter, periodic email update)
- Improving mechanism for follow up of international patients undergoing transplants within U.S. transplant centers

The Committee is interested in reviewing trends in the citizenship status data collection after implementation of the guidance document. The Committee will revisit discussions regarding citizenship status data collection.

The Committee requests more information on the previous discussions had by the International KPD Workgroup. The Chair stated that the Committee may initially consider KPD with Canada for highly sensitized patients. A member agreed.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to discuss project ideas and further prioritize.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- January 25, 2022 (teleconference)
- February 22, 2022 (teleconference)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Barry Friedman
  - Chang Liu
  - Min Zhou
  - Prakash Rao
  - Sylvia Villalon
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Marilyn Levi
  - Vanessa Arriola
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Christian Folken
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Betsy Gans
  - Meghan McDermott
  - Mike Ferguson
  - Robert Hunter