

## **OPTN Ethics Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**October 21, 2021**

**Conference Call**

**Keren Ladin, PhD, Chair**

**Andrew Flescher, PhD, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Ethics Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 10/21/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss Public Comment Sentiment
2. Vote on White Paper – *Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation*

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

#### **1. Discuss Public Comment Sentiment**

UNOS staff provided an overview of the sentiment that was received during public comment. This includes the sentiment scores submitted during the Regional Meetings and the comments submitted on the white paper. Following the analysis of this feedback, Committee leadership elected to make minimal, nonsubstantive changes.

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

The Chair called the vote and multiple members seconded it. The Committee was asked 'Do you support sending the white paper, *Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation*, to the OPTN Board of Directors?' A voice vote was conducted and the Committee unanimously voted, 12-0, in support.

#### Next steps:

The white paper will be presented to and voted on by the OPTN Board of Directors during their meeting on December 6, 2021.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- 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
  - Andy Flescher
  - Carrie Thiessen
  - Catherine Vascik
  - Colleen Reed
  - David Bearl
  - Ehab Saad
  - George Bayliss
  - Keren Ladin
  - Roshan George
  - Sanjay Kulkarni
  - Sena Wilson-Sheehan
  - Earnest Davis – Visting Board Member
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Jim Bowman
  - Maryam Valapour
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Abby Fox
  - Kristina Hogan
  - Laura Schmitt
  - Susan Tlusty