

OPTN Policy Oversight Committee

Meeting Summary

November 10, 2021

Conference Call

Nicole Turgeon, MD, FACS, Chair

Jennifer Prinz, RN, BSN, MPH, CPTC, Vice Chair

Introduction

The Policy Oversight Committee (POC) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 11/10/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Resource Estimates Update
2. New Project Review
3. Notice of Operating Committee Projects
4. Review Policy Development Metrics
5. Predictive Analytics

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

1. Resource Estimates Update

The Committee reviewed the implementation estimates for the projects going to the Board of Directors in December 2021. The budget is 15,000 hours, but there are 19,000 total hours expected to be required to implement the projects planned for review at the December Board meeting.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee suggested that this is likely to be a problem in upcoming Board meetings as well, as large strategic policy priority projects are ready for Board approval.

2. New Project Review

The Committee reviewed one new project, Establish Lung Review Board Guidance for Composite Allocation Score, sponsored by the Lung Transplantation Committee.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee noted that this is a logical step for incorporating the composite allocation score for lung, and would not require many resources for implementation. The Committee unanimously supported approving this project.

Next steps:

The Committee will refer the new project for consideration by the Executive Committee at an upcoming meeting.

3. Notice of Operating Committee Projects

The Committee reviewed two proposals that will be considered by the Board of Directors at the December meeting:

- Clarify Acceptable Signature Formats in OPTN Policies and Bylaws

- Expand and Clarify the Composition of the Nominating Committee

4. Review Policy Development Metrics

The Committee reviewed the policy development metrics included in the metrics report.

Summary of discussion:

A Committee member suggested it would be beneficial to have committees identify key metrics for evaluating specific projects. This was recently started with new projects and will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of individual projects.

Next steps:

The Committee will refer these metrics for review by the Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting.

5. Predictive Analytics

The Committee received an update on the work on predictive analytics designed to aid in making organ acceptance decisions. A pilot program with approximately 20 kidney programs is expected to begin in January 2022.

Summary of discussion:

A Committee member suggested including prior transplants in the survival calculation. The member also suggested allowing a program to enter a sample offer in order to see the predictions assist in discussions with the patient. The Committee asked about whether the system will continue to learn from experience, and if the predictions will be validated. In response, staff explained that the current models are based on information up to March 2021, but that will be updated on a recurring basis as well as validated and verified. Committee members were encouraged to volunteer for the pilot if their center is interested.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 8, 2021, 2 PM ET, Teleconference

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Emily Perito
 - Marie Budev
 - Molly McCarthy
 - Nahel Elias
 - Nicole Turgeon
 - Oyedolamu Olaitan
 - PJ Geraghty
 - Rocky Daly
 - Scott Biggins
 - Sumit Mohan
 - Susan Zylicz
 - Jennifer Prinz
 - Zoe Stewart
 - Sandy Amaral
 - Jim Kim
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alex Tulchinsky
 - Amber Wilk
 - Amy Putnam
 - Brian Shepard
 - Chelsea Haynes
 - Courtney Jett
 - Darren Stewart
 - James Alcorn
 - Janis Rosenberg
 - Julie Coriaty
 - Kelley Poff
 - Krissy Laurie
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Laura Cartwright
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Leah Slife
 - Lindsay Larkin
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Matt Prentice
 - Mike Ferguson
 - Rebecca Brookman
 - Rebecca E Murdock
 - Robert Hunter
 - Roger Brown
 - Sally Aungier

- Susan Tlusty
- Susie Sprinson
- Tina Rhoades
- Betsy Gans
- Carrie Caumont
- Elizabeth Miller