

OPTN Board of Directors

Executive Summary

June 17-18, 2024

Richmond, VA and Virtual

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Introduction

Dr. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, President of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00pm ET on June 17th, 2024. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

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Dr. LaPointe Rudow welcomed the Board to the meeting and presented a recipient story for the Board's call to purpose.

Dr. Suma Nair, Associate Administrator for the Health System Bureau, provided the Board with an update on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) OPTN Modernization Initiative. The Board of Directors, incoming Board members, committee chairs, and HRSA met in a closed session.

Ms. Liz Robbins Callahan, Special Counsel, presented the action item approval and conflict of interest processes. Ms. Robbins Callahan explained the approach to voting on action items and the process for addressing amendments and substitute resolutions.

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of December 4, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors held in St. Louis, MO (Executive Committee)
- Appointment of OPTN Committee Chairs (Executive Committee)
- *Update Post-Transplant Histocompatibility Data* (Histocompatibility Committee)
- *Standardize Six-Minute Walk for Lung Allocation* (Lung Transplantation Committee)
- *Clarify Requirements for Pronouncement of Death* (Organ Procurement Organization Committee)
- *Promote Efficiency of Lung Allocation* (Lung Transplantation Committee)
- *National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Updates Related to Transplant Oncology* (Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)

Dr. Alejandro Diez, Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee (MAC), presented the *Refit Kidney Donor Profile Index without Race and Hepatitis C Virus* proposal on behalf of the committee. The proposal was approved by the Board.

Dr. Daniel Yip, Chair of the Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC), provided an update to the Board on the committee's work since December 2023.

Dr. Lara Danziger-Isakov, Chair of the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC) presented the *Standardize the Patient Safety Contact and Reduce Duplicate Reporting* proposal on behalf of the committee. The Board proposed an amendment to the proposal to ensure potential disease

transmission report forms are also submitted to the appropriate OPO. The amended proposal was approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors met in a closed session. The meeting adjourned for the day.

On Tuesday, June 18, Dr. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, President of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00am ET. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

Dr. Maureen McBride, OPTN Executive Director, delivered a report to the Board on the ongoing work of the OPTN. Dr. McBride highlighted offer filters, continuous distribution, and the work of the Expeditious Task Force.

Dr. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided an update to the Board on the committee's work since December 2023. Ms. Andrea Tietjen, Chair of the Prioritization Work Group, provided an update on the work group's efforts since its creation in early 2024. She shared the group's recommendations and progress with the Board.

Dr. Dianne LaPointe Rudow, Chair of the Executive Committee, presented the *OPTN Strategic Plan 2024-2027* proposal on behalf of the committee. The proposal was tabled.

Dr. Scott Biggins, Dr. Jim Kim, Dr. Rocky Daly, Dr. Marie Budev, Dr. Oyedolamu Olaitan, and Mr. James Alcorn provided an update on continuous distribution across all organs types. A demonstration of the optimization tool was presented to the Board.

Dr. Alden Doyle and Mr. David Marshman, Co-Chairs of the Expeditious Task Force, provided an update to the Board on the work of the task force to-date. They provided an overview of the task force's key initiatives, discussed system impacts, and asked for feedback from the Board on their new initiatives.

Dr. Nahel Elias, Chair of the Living Donor Committee, provided an update to the Board on the committee's work. Dr. Elias shared seven recommendations from the committee on how the OPTN may enhance living donation.

Dr. LaPointe Rudow closed the meeting by delivering the President's Address. She reflected on her year as OPTN President and thanked the Board for their service.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm ET.