

**OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee
OPO Performance Monitoring Enhancement Workgroup
Meeting Summary
December 18, 2023
Conference Call**

Rick Hasz, Chair

Introduction

The MPSC OPO Performance Monitoring Enhancement Workgroup met in open session virtually via Webex on December 18, 2023, to discuss the following agenda items:

- 1. Review of HRSA requested data elements**
- 2. Next Steps**

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

1. Review of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requested data elements

OPTN staff reviewed the circumstances of the HRSA request and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance process. The Workgroup will be providing feedback to HRSA using three buckets for the proposed data fields:

- **Data that needs further clarification**
- **Data that, in the near term, could be collected in a standardized way on ventilated referrals**
- **Data that needs further investigation and could potentially be included in a second phase**

The Chair noted that there is not a clear definition of a missed ventilated referral for purposes of medical record review. HRSA noted that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) want data on ventilated and missed ventilated referrals that is broader than the current data provided on imminent and eligible deaths. OPTN staff reviewed a spreadsheet with the data elements included in the draft form and a crosswalk with current OPTN Death Notification Registration (DNR) form and the tool developed by the Workgroup.

Summary of Discussion:

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With regard to the ventilated referral, the Workgroup indicated the definition would need to be broad since OPO process and donor hospital process for OPO death record review is currently not standardized. The Chair described the feedback that is requested from the Workgroup. Workgroup members should not only evaluate whether data field is simple but also of when a particular data element is collected during the referral evaluation workflow so the feedback to HRSA will include recommendations for which referrals the Workgroup would suggest collecting certain data elements. The Chair used height and weight as an example. Those are easy elements to collect but they are not

collected on all referrals, such as a 90-year-old with cancer that is ruled out during the initial referral phone call. On the tool developed by the Workgroup, height and weight would not be collected until the OPO goes onsite. OPTN staff will send out a spreadsheet of the data elements and request that the Workgroup members provide their feedback prior to the next Workgroup meeting that will be held in early January.

Next Steps

The Workgroup will provide feedback on the data elements on a spreadsheet to be sent out by OPTN staff prior to the next Workgroup meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

TBD

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Richard Hasz, Workgroup Chair
 - Kristine Browning
 - Jamie Bucio
 - Ashley Cardenas
 - Theresa Daly
 - Micah Davis
 - Chad Ezzell
 - Kyle Herber
 - Vicki Hunter
 - Paul MacLennan
 - Lori Markham
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis
 - Candy Wells
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Chris McLaughlin
 - Kala Rochelle
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Miller
 - Bryn Thompson
 - David Zaun
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Stephanie Anderson
 - Sally Aungier
 - Matt Belton
 - Marty Crenlon
 - Robyn DiSalvo
 - Bonnie Felice
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Krissy Laurie

- Amy Minkler
- Heather Neil
- Samantha Noreen
- Melissa Santos
- Sharon Shepherd
- Betsy Warnick
- Joe Watson
- Divya Yalgoori
- Other Attendees