

OPTN Board of Directors

Executive Summary

June 8th, 2020

Conference Call

Maryl Johnson, MD, FACC, President
David Mulligan, MD, FACS, Vice President

Introduction

Maryl Johnson, MD, FACC, OPTN President, called the meeting to order at 11:00am EST on June 8th, 2020. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

Dr. Johnson welcomed the Board and provided an overview of the schedule. The Board briefly convened in a closed session for the purpose of routine confidential membership business.

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Frank Holloman, Director of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Healthcare Systems Bureau Division of Transplantation, and Christopher McLaughlin, Chief of the Organ Transplantation Branch, addressed the Board with a presentation on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). The presentation focused on the OPTN statutory and regulatory framework, as well as details of the OPTN contract.

Following the report from HRSA, Brian Shepard, Executive Director of the OPTN, presented the Executive Director's report to the Board.

The Board approved the appointment of two new Board members:

- James Sharrock, Patient and Donor Affairs Representative (effective immediately through June 30, 2020)
- William Bry, MD, Region 5 Councillor (effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022)

The Board approved 3 resolutions on the consent agenda. The subject of the individual resolutions were as follows:

- The Board approved the minutes of the December 3rd, 2019 Board of Directors meeting held in Dallas, Texas.
- The Board approved the appointment of new OPTN Committee Chairs.
- The Board approved the "Guidance and Policy Modifications Addressing Blood Type Determination" proposal from the Operations and Safety Committee.

Dr. Maryl Johnson, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided the Executive Committee Report to the Board. The Board approved revisions to the Conflicts of Interest Bylaws.

David Mulligan, MD, FACS, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Report to the Board.

Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH, and Chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) provided the POC Report to the Board of Directors.

Lisa Stocks, RN, MSN, FNP, and Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) gave the MPSC Report to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Johnson gave the President's Address to the Board. Thereafter, the Board of Directors began their discussion of items on the discussion agenda.

The Board approved the "Distribution of Kidneys and Pancreata from Alaska" proposal from the Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Committees.

The Board approved the "Addressing Medically Urgent Candidates in New Kidney Allocation Policy" proposal from the Kidney Transplantation Committee. The Board approved an amendment sponsored by Sharon Bartosh, MD that stated that medical urgency priority can be applied to both adult and pediatric patients, and that physical characteristics unique to smaller pediatric candidates are valid contraindications.

The Board approved the "Modifications to Released Kidney and Pancreas Allocation" proposal from the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee.

The Board approved the "2020 HLA Equivalency Tables Update and Expedited Update Pathway" proposal from the Histocompatibility Committee.

The Board approved the "Enhancements to the National Liver Review Board" proposal from the Liver and Intestine Transplantation Committee.

The Board approved the "Update to VCA Transplant Outcomes Data Collection" proposal from the Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Transplantation Committee.

The Board approved the "National Heart Review Board for Pediatrics" proposal from the Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee.

The Board approved the new Lung Committee and Heart Committee charges, sponsored by the OPTN Thoracic Organ Transplantation Committee.

Dr. Irene Kim, Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee, led the Board in a discussion regarding the "Data Collection to Assess Socioeconomic Status and Access to Transplant" proposal.

Brian Shepard, OPTN Executive Director, provided the Board with an overview of the 2021-2024 strategic planning process.

The OPTN Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:57pm on June 8th, 2020.