

**OPTN Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
June 24, 2024
Webex**

Dianne LaPointe Rudow, ANP-BC, DNP, FAAN, Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Executive Committee met via Webex teleconference on 06/24/2024 to discuss the following agenda item:

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. OPTN Strategic Plan 2024-2027*
3. Expeditious Task Force Rescue Pathways: Protocol 1 Vote*

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

1. Welcome and Announcements

Dianne LaPointe Rudow, Chair of the Executive Committee, welcomed the committee and presented the agenda.

2. OPTN Strategic Plan 2024-2027*

Dr. LaPointe Rudow presented the strategic planning process, the timeline of the plan, and the four proposed goals. Dr. LaPointe Rudow explained that HRSA shared feedback on the proposal and the Executive Committee is asked to review the modifications and send a final plan to the Board of Directors for final consideration.

Dr. LaPointe Rudow shared that in Goal 2, HRSA suggested that the metrics for non-use rate for liver include target decreases in non-use and non-utilization rates over time. The committee approved this change and incorporated it into the metric.

Dr. LaPointe Rudow shared feedback that HRSA provided related to Goal 4: Support OPTN Modernization Initiative. Liz Robbins Callahan, Special Counsel, explained that some of the proposed edits were necessary to align with HRSA's interpretation of NOTA and the Final Rule. HRSA provided feedback on the objective to develop an independent OPTN Board of Directors and also provided modifications to the metrics. HRSA suggested that the metric of "Achievement of OPTN Independence by Fiscal Year 2025" be removed from the plan, and they suggested revisions to the other metric for Goal 4 to identify metrics of successful collaboration and metrics for challenges to collaboration.

Summary of Discussion:

The committee discussed the changes to Goal 4 to ensure the modifications still achieved the intent of the goal.

Vote:

The committee unanimously approved to send the OPTN Strategic Plan 2024-2027 to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

Next Steps:

The Board will consider and take action on the OPTN Strategic Plan 2024-2027 during their next meeting.

3. Expeditious Task Force Rescue Pathways: Protocol 1 Vote*

Dr. LaPointe Rudow shared the timeline that the first proposed protocol for rescue pathways has followed and noted that the committee is being asked to take action on the protocol. Dr. LaPointe Rudow reviewed the committee's discussion during their last meeting and shared that the committee reviewed the Expeditious Task Force's approach and participant selection framework, the monitoring and evaluation plan, collaboration with other OPTN committees, and themes from public feedback. Dr. LaPointe Rudow shared that the committee showed overall support for the protocol and that the protocol is important to determine if KDPI 75% is an appropriate threshold.

Summary of Discussion:

The committee discussed communications to the community about the protocol and how members may participate in the protocol. The committee also discussed how members will be informed if they have been chosen to participate in the protocol and how this information will be communicated. The committee discussed the importance of reminding the community that the protocol is a temporary trial and is not a permanent practice.

Vote:

The committee unanimously approved the following:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to OPTN Policy 5.4.G: Open Variance for Expedited Placement, the OPTN Executive Committee approves the variance, Rescue Pathways: Accelerated Placement of Hard-to-Place Kidneys Protocol, effective pending implementation and participant selection and training.

The meeting adjourned

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Andrea Tietjen
 - Dianne LaPointe Rudow
 - Ginny McBride
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Jim Sharrock
 - Melissa McQueen
 - Silas Norman
 - Valinda Jones
 - Wendy Garrison
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Chris McLaughlin
 - Marilyn Levi
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Anna Messmer
 - Jacqui O'Keefe
 - Jadia Bruckner
 - Keighly Bradbrook
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Liz Robbins Callahan
 - Maureen McBride
 - Morgan Jupe
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Trish Jasion