

**OPTN Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
September 19, 2022
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Executive Committee met via Cisco Webex Meetings teleconference on 09/19/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. New Projects from the Policy Oversight Committee (POC)*
2. Monkeypox Summary of Evidence*
3. Closed Session

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

1. New Projects from the Policy Oversight Committee (POC)*

Dr. Nicole Turgeon, Chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC), presented new projects from the POC. They discussed new projects from numerous different OPTN Committees. The Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Committee is sponsoring an *Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery from Deceased Donors*. The Liver Transplantation Committee is sponsoring *Expanding Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Allocation*. The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Committee is sponsoring to *Modify Organ Offer Acceptance Limit*. The Lung Transplantation Committee is sponsoring a project to *Standardize Six Minute Walk*. Dr. Turgeon presented the analysis that the POC compiled for each project.

Summary of discussion:

After the VCA project was presented, a board member asked about the assignment of a benefit score and how this score is utilized. They noted how important this benefit score is and wanted to know how the score is standardized. Dr. Turgeon explained that the POC had been discussing the benefit scoring as well and has spent the last year analyzing potential attributes associated with the benefit score. Dr. Turgeon explained that the discussion among POC members focused on what attributes should be measured and how the attributes are scored.

The Liver Committee proposed a new project to address SLK allocation to expand the distribution circles to 250 nautical miles. This project addresses the strategic goal to provide equity in access to transplants. Dr. Turgeon explained that the POC agreed this project would be better suited for the Multi-Organ Transplantation (MOT) Committee and therefore the project has moved under the jurisdiction of the MOT committee. The committee was supportive of this change.

Dr. Turgeon presented a project from the OPO Committee to modify organ offer acceptance limits to allow a transplant hospital to only have one organ offer acceptance for each organ type for any one candidate. This project aligns with the strategic goal to increase the number of transplants. A board member noted that the committee may hear concerns from the community about how this proposal may impact status 1 patients. A committee member thought that there were some exceptions that may

need to be defined by the committee. A committee member noted that this is an important project for increasing efficiency.

The Lung Transplantation Committee is working to standardize how transplant programs perform the six-minute walk for the purpose of lung allocation. The project addresses the strategic goal to provide equity and access to transplant.

Dr. Turgeon explained how these four proposals fit into the OPTN Strategic Plan and what the implementation hours are predicted to be. A committee member asked if the projects are ranked by priority in terms of the OPTN budget. Dr. Turgeon explained that if the project load did need to be adjusted, then the list of projects would then go back to the POC to rediscuss and would then be brought back to the OPTN Executive Committee for review. Brian Shepard, OPTN Executive Director, agreed with Dr. Turgeon that this is the standard procedure in place.

Vote:

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the initiation of projects from the Policy Oversight Committee.

2. Monkeypox Summary of Evidence*

Lara Danziger-Isakov, Chair of the Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC), presented the Monkeypox Summary of Evidence. The Executive Committee received the summary of evidence for review prior to the meeting. Dr. Danziger-Isakov discussed the paper and all the organizations that collaborated with the DTAC on the summary of evidence.

Vote:

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the Monkeypox Summary of Evidence.

3. Closed Session

The OPTN Executive Committee met in a closed session.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 26, 2022
- December 4, 2022

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Brad Kornfeld
 - Dianne LaPointe Rudow
 - Jeff Orłowski
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Jim Sharrock
 - Linda Cendales
 - Lloyd Ratner
 - Matt Cooper
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Frank Holloman
 - Shannon Dunne
 - Shannon Taitt
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jon Snyder
 - Ajay Israni
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alex Tulchinsky
 - Brian Shepard
 - Cole Fox
 - David Klassen
 - Desiree Tenenbaum
 - Isaac Hager
 - Jacqui O'Keefe
 - James Alcorn
 - Jason Livingston
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Liz Robbins Callahan
 - Mary Beth Murphy
 - Maureen McBride
 - Morgan Jupe
 - Roger Brown
 - Ryan Ehrensberger
 - Steve Harms
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Tina Rhoades
 - Tony Ponsiglione
- **Other Attendees**
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov
 - Nicole Turgeon