

## **OPTN Network Operations Oversight Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**November 15, 2023**

**Webex**

**Daniel Yip, MD, Chair**

### **Introduction**

The Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC) met via Webex on 11/15/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome
2. OPTN Computer System to the public cloud

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

#### **1. Welcome**

Dan Yip, Chair of the Network Operations Oversight Committee (NOOC), welcomed committee members and provided an overview of the agenda.

#### **2. OPTN Computer System to the public cloud**

Dr. Yip explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the committee to take action on whether the NOOC recommends that the OPTN continue its investment in migrating the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud.

Dr. Yip asked that the committee consider whether they recommend that the OPTN continue its investment, as specified in the FY24 budget, to migrate the OPTN Computer System to the cloud. He shared that in June 2023, the Board voted to allocate funds to migrate the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud, and now it is up to the Finance Committee, and then the Board to decide whether the work should continue. Dr. Yip encouraged committee members to share their views on what they think is best for the OPTN Computer System.

During discussion, Dr. Yip asked if there was a way for the Contractor and HRSA to collaborate, at the request of the NOOC, on how the OPTN Computer System will migrate to the public cloud. He asked that the parties collaborate and bring a recommendation to the NOOC on continuing the migration to the public cloud.

#### Summary of Discussion:

A representative from HRSA stated that they thought the question from the Chair was different than the question on whether the OPTN should migrate the OPTN Computer System to the cloud. The representative from HRSA asked that the vote be split into two different votes by the committee.

A committee member stated that using a public cloud rather than a privately owned cloud would be better for the OPTN Computer System. They commented that it made sense for the OPTN to start investigating what the migration from the private cloud to the public cloud would entail.

A committee advisor suggested a resolution for the committee to vote on. The committee then voted:

Does the NOOC recommend that the OPTN Computer System move toward public cloud?

The NOOC unanimously approved the resolution.

Dr. Yip commented that he would like to see the work of the OPTN focus on moving the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud. A committee advisor asked if HRSA could provide feedback on any opportunities within the current system so the move to the public cloud can be a collaborative effort for the betterment of the OPTN. Dr. Yip asked HRSA and the contractor, as the subject matter experts, to collaborate and provide information to the NOOC on what actions the NOOC should take in efforts to improve the OPTN Computer System.

A committee advisor asked that the funding specified in the budget to migrate to the public cloud be kept in the budget to ensure work is continued towards the public cloud. A representative from HRSA asked that the NOOC provide a list of improvements that the committee is interested in for the migration to the public cloud.

The committee summarized conversations that have taken place among the Finance Committee and funding for migrating the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud. Contractor staff shared that based on the NOOC's vote, the Chair would share the NOOC's recommendation with the Finance Committee on whether to keep funding for the migration of the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud in the OPTN budget.

A committee advisor suggested that portions of the OPTN Computer System migrate to the public cloud at a time to stagger the migration efforts. A representative from HRSA asked that the NOOC identify their priorities in migrating the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud. They asked that the NOOC explain why they agree migration to the public cloud is a strategic investment for the OPTN Computer System and for users of the OPTN Computer System. Dr. Yip suggested that as the subject matter experts, the contractor and HRSA should collaborate on why moving the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud is in the best interest of the system. He commented that it would be more logical for the subject matter experts to discuss this information and come to an agreement to share it with the NOOC. He stated that more could be achieved by the two groups collaborating with one another to move the OPTN Computer System forward. A committee advisor noted that the NOOC had already voted on moving the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud, but now the NOOC needs to consider how the OPTN is going to get to the point of migration, and what recommendations do HRSA and the contractor have for the OPTN to make this move.

Dr. Yip made a motion on whether the NOOC recommends using funds set aside for FY24 to move the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud, based on recommendations collaboratively developed between HRSA and the OPTN Contractor. A committee advisor asked that a timeframe be included in the resolution. They asked HRSA and the contractor if a 30-day timeframe was a reasonable timeframe to deliver on this request from the committee. Contractor staff agreed that this was a reasonable timeframe. A representative from HRSA stated that they were unsure HRSA could commit to a 30-day timeframe to submit a plan, so the committee and the representative from HRSA agreed that providing a status update instead of a plan after 30-days was reasonable.

Vote:

Does the NOOC recommend that the OPTN Computer System move toward public cloud?

By a vote of 5 approve 0 decline and 0 abstain, the resolution passed.

Does the NOOC recommend using the funds set aside for FY24 to move the OPTN Computer System to the public cloud, based on recommendations collaboratively developed with HRSA and the OPTN Contractor to do so? The OPTN Contractor will provide the NOOC a status update in 30 days.

By a vote of 5 approve 0 decline and 0 abstain, the resolution passed.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- November 20, 2023

## Attendance

- **Committee Members and Advisors**
  - Andrew Kao
  - Bruno Mastroianni
  - Daniel Yip
  - Edward Hollinger
  - James Pittman
  - Kelley Hitchman
  - Laura Butler
  - Melissa McQueen
  - Paul Connelly
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Christopher McLaughlin
  - Cliff Myers
  - Daniel Thompson
  - Manjot Singh
  - Nick Lewis
  - Vanessa Arriola
  - Vinay Vuyyuru
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Anna Messmer
  - Liz Robbins Callahan
  - Morgan Jupe
  - Ryan Ehrensberger
  - Susie Sprinson
  - Tiwan Nicholson