

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)

Meeting Summary

May 31, 2022

Conference Call with GoToTraining

Ian Jamieson, Chair

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Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met by conference call in Open session via Citrix GoToTraining on May 31, 2022, and discussed the following agenda items:

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancements

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

1. Performance Monitoring Enhancements

Staff presented revisions proposed by the Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee to the tools used for review of transplant programs identified under the new criteria for post-transplant outcomes. During the current review process, the MPSC requests that programs complete the Initial Outcomes Questionnaire when they are first identified for lower than expected patient or graft survival. If a program is not released from review based on responses to Initial Outcomes Questionnaire, the MPSC reviewers most often request routine reports which include updates to the program's plan for quality improvement, activity reports and synopses of any graft losses or deaths within one year of transplant since the last submission. Reviewers may also ask for additional or clarifying information based on the program's initial response. The MPSC does not request that every program complete the more extensive Expanded Outcomes Questionnaire. Completion of this questionnaire is generally requested when a program has been under review for a number of cycles and the reviewers need more detailed information about the program operations to determine opportunities for improvement or to determine if an informal discussion or peer visit is needed.

The Performance Monitoring Enhancement Subcommittee has reviewed the current Outcomes Initial Questionnaire and Expanded Questionnaire over the last few months and has made recommendations for proposed revisions. Staff reviewed the proposed revised documents "Final Initial Questionnaire" and "Final Supplemental Questions." The Committee complimented the subcommittee's hard work and approved the revisions to the questionnaires by a vote of 26 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

The Committee also considered a proposed operational rule regarding the timing of sending inquiries to members newly identified for performance review. Currently, staff receive the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) performance data twice a year, prior to the MPSC's February and July meetings. When the data arrives, staff determine which members are newly identified for review. Staff automatically then add a row to the upcoming meeting's consent agenda with a proposed action of "Send Initial Inquiry." Members do not receive their initial inquiry letter until after the MPSC approves the consent agenda. The proposed rule would ask the MPSC to approve sending an initial inquiry for members newly identified for outcomes review when the data is available automatically, without a committee vote. Using this process, newly identified members will receive their inquiry earlier, which may allow both more time for their response and more time for the Committee to review the

information before the next meeting. This rule is also consistent with the process used for inquiries in other MPSC case types. The process change will also allow shorter performance consent agendas and reduction of potential errors. If questions arise about whether to send an inquiry to a particular program, staff will have the option to place the item on discussion for MPSC consideration and decision. The Committee heard the proposal and approved the process change with a vote of 27 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Finally, a staff member discussed collaboration with the communications and professional education staff to implement an email campaign to provide OPTN members with key details about the enhanced performance monitoring system over the next two years. She summarized the details of the email campaign and asked for Committee volunteers to participate.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 29, 2022, 1-3pm, ET, Conference Call
- July 12-14, 2022, Chicago

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Mark Barr
 - Nicole Berry
 - Christina Bishop
 - Emily Blumberg
 - Theresa Daly
 - Todd Dardas
 - Richard Formica
 - Reginald Gohh
 - Alice Gray
 - John Gutowski
 - Nicole Hayde
 - Ian Jamieson
 - Christopher Jones
 - Andrew Kao
 - Christy Keahey
 - Mary Killackey
 - Anne Krueger
 - Jules Lin
 - Scott Lindberg
 - Gabriel Maine
 - Amit Mathur
 - Virginia McBride
 - Jerry McCauley
 - Kenneth McCurry
 - Bhargav Mistry
 - Michael Pham
 - Elizabeth Rand
 - Sara Rasmussen
 - Pooja Singh
 - Zoe Stewart Lewis
 - Laura Stillion
 - Sean Van Slyck
 - Gebhard Wagner
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Ryo Hirose
 - Jonathan Miller
 - Jon Snyder
 - Bryn Thompson
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Sally Aungier
 - Matt Belton
 - Tameka Bland

- Tommie Dawson
- Robyn DiSalvo
- Nadine Drumn
- Demi Emmanouil
- Katie Favaro
- Liz Friddell
- Lauren Guerra
- Asia Harden
- Kay Lagana
- Ann-Marie Leary
- Anne McPherson
- Sandy Miller
- Amy Minkler
- Steven Moore
- Jacqui O'Keefe
- Michelle Rabold
- Liz Robbins Callahan
- Samantha Settimio
- Sharon Shepherd
- Roger Vacovsky
- Marta Waris
- Betsy Warnick
- Joe Watson
- Claudia Woisard
- Karen Wooten
- Amanda Young
- **Other Attendees**
 - None