

## **OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee**

### **Meeting Summary**

**July 18, 2024**

**Conference Call**

**Christine Brenner, RN, BSN, CPTC, CCTC, Chair**

**Heather Bastardi, RN, MSN, CPNP, Vice Chair**

### **Introduction**

The OPTN Transplant Coordinators Committee (the Committee) met via Cisco WebEx teleconference on 07/18/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Updates and Announcements
2. Evaluation Plan Presentation
3. Policy Operationalization Checklist Project
4. New Member Orientation
5. Closing Remarks

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

#### **1. Updates and Announcements**

The Committee was asked for a few volunteers for a Living Donor Committee project. The Committee was reminded of the upcoming in-person meeting in September.

#### **2. Evaluation Plan Presentation**

The Committee heard a presentation by OPTN Contractor staff that support the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) on the updated Evaluation Plan (EP) slated for implementation on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### Decisions:

No decisions were made; the Committee provided feedback.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Vice Chair expressed concern about the potential burden on institutions to update practices and change procedures, suggesting this should be considered in ongoing monitoring efforts. Staff acknowledged this concern, noting that ideally, most institutions are already familiar with some practices, such as allocation monitoring.

Another member expressed appreciation for the plan and anticipation for its implementation. They mentioned a related initiative by the Transplant Community Collaborative Crosswalk of Centers MS and OPTN Regulations (the Crosswalk Workgroup) aimed at aligning Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) and OPTN regulatory practices. The member asked if this Workgroup had been involved in discussions about the EP, given the similarity of their efforts. Staff explained that while they were aware of the Workgroup's activities, they had been informed that collaboration was outside the OPTN's scope.

A member inquired about potential changes to bylaw language in this EP, specifically regarding emergency pathways for pediatric program approval. They were informed that this plan focuses on updating current processes and providing guidance on monitoring bylaw compliance, rather than changing any bylaws or their functionality at present. It was noted that the MPSC is working on updating bylaws, and the member was encouraged to share any specific feedback with the MPSC.

Next steps:

None indicated at this time.

**3. New Member Orientation**

The Committee received New Member Orientation.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (virtual)
- September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (in-person)

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Amy Olsen
  - Ashley Cardenas
  - Anne O'Boye
  - Ashley Hamby
  - Brandy Baldwin
  - Courtney Risley
  - Eve Cabatan
  - Gertrude Okelezo
  - Heather Bastardi
  - Katherine Meneses
  - Stewart Jusim
  - Karl Neumann
  - Kenny Laferriere
  - Robn Petersen-Webster
- HRSA Representatives
  - Arjun Naik
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Cole Fox
  - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
  - Houlder Hudgins
  - Kim Uccellini
  - Ross Walton