

**OPTN Patient Affairs Committee
Meeting Summary
July 16, 2024
Conference Call**

Molly McCarthy, Chair

Introduction

The Patient Affairs Committee’s Patient Awareness of Listing Status (PALS) Subcommittee met via Teams teleconference on July 16, 2024, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Committee Member Introductions
3. Patient Awareness of Listing Status (PALS) Subcommittee Update
4. Public Forum

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

1. Welcome and Announcements

The Chair and Vice Chair welcomed new and returning members to the Committee. They introduced themselves and shared their appreciation for this group coming together to advocate for the organ donation and transplantation patient community.

A new digest email for the Committee was highlighted by OPTN Contractor staff. This regular email will be used to communicate current events, flag all-OPTN emails that are sent to members, and call out other highlights. An email including the first digest as well as some pointers to navigating the OPTN Calendar of Events and Board and Committees resources pages was sent to the Committee prior to the meeting.

2. Committee Member Introductions

No decisions were made.

All Committee members introduced themselves, sharing their personal ties to the donation and transplant community and reasons for volunteering. This created an opportunity to get to know one another and learn the group’s passions, interests, and strengths.

Members absent from the call will be asked to present at a future meeting.

Summary of discussion:

After all members introduced themselves, the Chair thanked the group for their participation, noting her excitement to see what the year might bring.

3. Patient Awareness of Listing Status (PALS) Subcommittee Update

No decisions were made.

This item was not covered on the call due to time constraints. It will be discussed during the August 20, 2024 meeting.

4. Public Forum

Discussion Summary:

No public forum items were offered for discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 20, 2024
- September 10, 2024 (Detroit, MI)
- October 15, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- December 17, 2024
- January 21, 2025
- February 18, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- June 17, 2025

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Molly McCarthy
 - Lorrinda Gray-Davis
 - Patrice Ball
 - Michael Brown
 - Elizabeth DeVivo
 - Calvin Henry
 - Robert F. Johnson
 - Karlett Parra
 - Andreas Price
 - Cathy Ramage
 - Cody Reynolds
 - Michael Slipowitz
 - George Surratt
 - Jenny Templeton
 - Steven Weitzen
 - Justin Wilkerson
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Mesmin Germain
 - Robert Johnson
 - Arjun Naik
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Shandie Covington
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Laura Schmitt
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Kimberly Uccellini