

**OPTN Data Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
June 13, 2022  
Conference Call**

**Rachel Patzer, Ph.D, Chair  
Sumit Mohan, MD, MPH, Vice-Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Data Advisory Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/13/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Staffing Update and Reminders
2. Pre-Waitlist Update: Ethics White Paper
3. Data Lock Update
4. Holistic Workgroup: Next Steps and Update
5. Committee Member Subject Matter Expertise: Working Session
6. Thank you and Recognition: Members Rolling Off

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

### **1. Staffing Updates and Reminders**

Staff notified the Committee of new staff leads and points of contact. Additionally, the Committee was reminded to complete educational modules prior to the start of the new term on July 1.

### **2. Pre-Waitlist Update: Ethics White Paper**

The Chair provided a brief update on the white paper sponsored by the Ethics Committee on Pre-Waitlisting Data Collection.

#### Data summary:

The white paper seeks to collect data on patients referred to transplant programs to evaluate access to transplant across programs.

This project is anticipated to go out for public comment from August 3, 2022 to September 28, 2022 and be heard by the Board of Directors during their December meeting.

### **3. Data Lock Update**

Staff provided a brief update on the Data Lock implementation which is scheduled for August 30, 2022.

#### Data summary:

8 forms 'in progress' on August 30 will receive additional time on their expected dates. These are:

- Deceased Donor Registration, Donor Histocompatibility Worksheet, Recipient Histocompatibility Worksheet generated within the past 30 days: 30 day extension
- Transplant Recipient Registration, Living Donor Registration, Living Donor Follow-Up generated within the past 60 days: 30 day extension

- Transplant Candidate Registration, Transplant Recipient Follow-Up generated within the past 30 days: 60 day extension

Summary of discussion:

The Chair noted that there will be a follow-up reports monitoring how this change has impacted data submission. A member wondered if there would be training available for this change. Staff noted that there would be trainings available within the OPTN Computer System. The Chair asked if there were then a way to monitor which programs have completed these trainings. Staff replied they would follow up with the communications team to determine if that were possible.

The Incoming Vice-Chair inquired if forms were left incomplete through their due date, whether they would be locked by this policy change. Staff responded that they would be and would require unlocking to complete.

Next steps:

The Committee will be updated with any updates regarding the implementation of the Data Lock Policy

#### **4. Holistic Workgroup: Next Steps and Update**

Staff provided an update on the progress of the creation of the holistic data review workgroup.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair emphasized the importance of this project and getting DAC feedback on the Workgroup's progress.

Next steps:

Staff will send out invitations for the Workgroup.

#### **5. Committee Member Subject Matter Expertise: Working Session**

Staff introduced the internal project to create a repertoire of committee members' subject matter expertise to ensure efficient review of relevant projects.

Data summary:

The Committee reviews/advises on two OPTN activities that require subject matter expert (SME) knowledge.

- Data Collection Projects
- Data Definition Changes

Summary of discussion:

The Chair strongly supported having all committee members fill in their area of expertise to ensure that the relevant members are engaged on all projects. They also requested feedback on whether they felt the shared list of SME knowledge areas and system knowledge areas was sufficient. A member suggested including membership management systems knowledge.

Staff noted that the goal of this project was to be able to distribute projects seeking DAC review to members who had identified knowledge in that specific area. This would allow them additional time to review the project and identify relevant discussion questions.

The incoming Vice-Chair requested that members provide a small self-description of their interaction with OPTN data, adding that they felt there was overlap between some of the options listed.

A member wondered if the Committee could select members based on SME needs. The Chair replied that one of the questions that is reviewed when analyzing applications is how the applicant interacts with OPTN data.

It was also suggested that patient/donor experience be added as a category of SME experience, as the Committee has patients present on it. The Chair also suggested that one of the members with patient/donor experience who was rolling off could help familiarize new members with that perspective as to what role they could fill on the Committee.

Next steps:

Staff requested Committee members update their SME knowledge on the shared document distributed.

**6. Thank You and Recognition: Members Rolling Off**

The Chair and Staff thanked members for their service on the Committee.

Summary of discussion:

There was no discussion surrounding this item.

**Upcoming Meeting**

- July 11, 2022

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Rachel Patzer
  - Sumit Mohan
  - Jamie Bucio
  - Lauren Kearns
  - Krishnaraj Mahendraraj
  - Anna Mello
  - Colleen O'Donnell Flores
  - Daniel Stanton
  - Farhan Zafar
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Adriana Martinez
  - Chris McLaughlin
- **SRTR Staff**
  - Ajay Israni
  - Bert Kasiske
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Brooke Chenault
  - Cole Fox
  - Isaac Hager
  - Nadine Hoffman
  - Courtney Jett
  - Shabnam Kian
  - Olga Kosachevsky
  - Eric Messick
  - Samantha Noreen
  - Janis Rosenberg
  - Sharon Shepherd
  - Susie Sprinson
  - Susan Tlusty
  - Kim Uccellini
  - Suhuan Wang
- **Other Attendees**
  - Jesse Schold
  - Rebecca Baranoff