

## **OPTN Board of Directors**

### **Executive Summary**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **Conference Call**

**David C. Mulligan, MD, FACS, FAASLD, FAST, President**

**Matthew Cooper, MD, FACS, Vice President**

#### **Introduction**

David Mulligan, MD, FACS, FAASLD, FAST, OPTN President, called the meeting to order at 11:00am ET on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

Dr. Mulligan welcomed the Board and provided an overview of the agenda. The Board briefly convened in a closed session for the purpose of confidential routine membership and administrative business.

#### **OPTN Board of Directors Meeting**

Frank Holloman, Director of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Healthcare Systems Bureau Division of Transplantation, and Christopher McLaughlin, Chief of the Organ Transplantation Branch, addressed the Board with a presentation on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. The presentation focused on the OPTN statutory and regulatory framework, as well as details of the OPTN contract.

Following the report from HRSA, Brian Shepard, Executive Director of the OPTN, presented the Executive Director's report to the Board.

The Board approved the "Align OPTN Policy with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020" proposal from the Ad-Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee.

The Board approved five resolutions on the consent agenda. The subject of the individual resolutions were as follows:

- The Board approved the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors.
- The Board approved the "Guidance Addressing the Use of Pediatric Heart Exceptions" proposal from the Heart Transplantation Committee.
- The Board approved the "Programming VCA Allocation in UNet" proposal from the Vascularized Composite Allograft Committee.
- The Board approved the "Modify Data Collection on Living VCA Donors" proposal from the Vascularized Composite Allograft Committee.
- The Board approved the "Updated Cohort for Calculation of the Lung Allocation Score (LAS)" proposal from the Lung Transplantation Committee.

Dr. David Mulligan, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided the Executive Committee Report to the Board. The Board approved an amendment to OPTN *Bylaw 4.3: Selection*, which broadens voting participation for the annual election of At Large members to the Executive Committee to all Directors.

Dr. Matthew Cooper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee report to the Board. The Board approved the slate of nominees for the 2021 Board election.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. David Mulligan presented four emergency actions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and data collection. The Board approved resolutions to:

- Expire *Policy 1.4.F: Updates to Candidate Data* during 2020 COVID-19 Emergency upon repeal by the Executive Committee when the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic no longer require the policy.
- Extend the changes to data submission policies until repeal by the Executive Committee when the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic no longer require the changes.
- Extend the changes to modification of kidney waiting time until repeal by the Executive Committee when the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic no longer require the modification.
- Add the collection of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) testing status to the list of deceased donor information that is required to report to the OPTN.

The Board approved the “Guidance and Policy Addressing Adult Heart Allocation” proposal from the Heart Transplantation Committee.

The Board approved the “Further Enhancements to the National Liver Review Board” proposal from the Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee.

Ian Jamieson, MBA, MHA, Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) presented the annual MPSC report to the Board.

Rachel Patzer, PhD, MPH, Chair of the Data Advisory Committee (DAC), presented the annual DAC report to the Board.

Alexandra Glazier, JD, MPH, Chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC), presented the bi-annual POC report to the Board.

Brian Shepard, OPTN Executive Director, provided the Board with an overview of the 2021-2024 OPTN strategic planning process. Mr. Shepard presented the draft strategic plan developed by the Executive Committee, and solicited feedback from the Board.

Robert Goodman, MBA, and Dale Smith, UNOS Finance Director, presented the Finance Committee report to the Board.

The OPTN Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:00pm ET on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.