

**OPTN/UNOS TRANSPLANT ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE (TAC)
INTERIM REPORT**

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The following is a summary of the TAC deliberations that occurred in Chicago on July 17-18, 2008.

- On July 17th, the Committee held its bi-annual payers meeting. Representatives from ASBMT, SRTR, and ASTS presented information to the 12 payers that were invited to attend. The payers provided feedback to the TAC regarding updates to the UNOS Standardized RFI. That feedback will be reported to UNOS IT so future updates can be made.
- The Committee reviewed TAC goals and discussed progress and how these goals fit into the OPTN strategic plan.
- The TAC DonorNet Workgroup continues to facilitate communication between the transplant administrator community and the OPTN/UNOS Operations Committee/EOPWG regarding the operational impact of DonorNET. The DonorNet Workgroup has planned a Pre-National Learning Congress Session called “Making the Match”. This session will be from 8 am to 4 pm on October 22nd at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville. The purpose of the session is to have super users of DonorNet, both from the transplant center and OPO communities, collaborate toward operational best practices and competencies in matching the most eligible candidate to the donor organ. The target participants of the session are staff and faculty of transplant centers and OPOs that are interfacing with DonorNet regularly.
This collaborative is sponsored by HRSA in collaboration with the OPTN/UNOS Transplant Administrators and Coordinators Committees as well as AOPO. The program content will focus on the essential aspects of the matching of recipients to donor organs within the framework of the DonorNet[®] system and provide the opportunity for development of best practices in how the DonorNet[®] system is utilized.
- A workgroup was formed within the TAC to partner with AOPO to define and disseminate best practices for flight standards and insurance. The OPO/Transplant Center Transportation Safety Workgroup was created by the TAC as a result of a goal set forth by Dr. Pruett for the Committee. The goal is for the TAC to create and administer a survey that evaluates best practices for transportation and insurance with respect to organ recoveries, subsequent to the tragedy in Michigan. A survey was created and sent out to Transplant Administrators and OPO Executive Directors. Currently the University of Michigan has collected the surveys, tallied the results and is working to release those results. The Workgroup hopes to present the results in the form of recommendations at the 2009 UNOS Transplant Management Forum.
- The five established workgroups within the TAC (OPO/Transplant Center Collaborative, Payer Relations, Staffing Resource, DonorNet, and Listserv) met and reported on their progress. A new workgroup called the Program Review Workgroup was formed to work

on the goal: *To integrate experience with CMS COPs to develop maintenance of certification process with MPSC. The Committee will await contact from MPSC for further action.*

- The Committee began planning for the 2009 UNOS Transplant Management Forum.