

**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 October 16-17, 2008.

- The Committee reviewed TAC goals. The Committee Workgroups met and reported their progress towards these goals.
- The TAC DonorNet Workgroup continues to facilitate communication with the transplant administrator community regarding the operational impact of DonorNet®. The DonorNet Workgroup planned a Pre-National Learning Congress Session called “Making the Match.” The session took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville. There were approximately 100 attendees. AOPO used Survey Monkey as the evaluation tool and will send the evaluations to the Committee for review once all have been collected.
- The Workgroup received a request from HRSA to review CMS and OPTN regulations and was asked to provide feedback to HRSA on areas of redundancy in these regulations. The Workgroup met via conference call prior to the October meeting and met again prior to the full Committee meeting to review the regulations. The Workgroup discussed which regulations overlapped and provided feedback to Bob Walsh with HRSA. The Workgroup made specific recommendations on how to better coordinate site surveys so not to duplicate efforts. The Committee will draft a final letter with its recommendations and submit it to HRSA and CMS for their review and consideration.
- The survey that was created by the OPO/Transportation and Safety Workgroup and the University of Michigan that evaluates best practices for transportation and insurance with respect to organ recoveries, subsequent to the tragedy in Michigan was sent out to Transplant Administrators and OPO Executive Directors. Jim Cutler, OPO At Large TAC member, continues to receive updates on the status of the survey. This survey will help with developing recommendations for a contract between OPOs and transplant centers regarding quality assurance for transporting organs. Jim Cutler and the OPO/Transplant Center Collaborative Workgroup will work on this process with AOPO. The Workgroup will present the results of the survey in the form of recommendations at the 2009 UNOS Transplant Management Forum.
- The Committee discussed the request to have transplant centers/hospitals host kidney transplant patients on site to participate in a Live Meeting to learn about the KAS RFI. The Committee is interested in promoting opportunities to engage and educate transplant patients and their families; however, there is concern that hosting a specific event on a focused proposal could be viewed as biased support towards a defined patient population.

Alternatively, the Committee suggested that Transplant Administrators could be encouraged to communicate opportunities for public comment to their patients and families. Additionally, the Committee would be willing to collaborate with UNOS in facilitating larger events within their specific regions that offer patients and families the opportunity to discuss proposals for public comment.

- Public comment proposals will be discussed using Live Meeting format in December.