

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

**August 22, 2012
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The following is a summary of the TAC OPTN Live Meeting deliberations that occurred on August 22, 2012.

- The Committee continued to discuss the Policy Rewrite public comment proposal. The AST CoP drafted a letter in response to the proposal and the TAC chair requested that committee members review the letter and provide feedback. The TAC continues to have the following concerns with the proposal and will submit comments/suggestions through the public comment email.
 - The Committee has concerns regarding the difficulty in validating the lack of substantive changes in the policy rewrite proposal was raised by a committee member and the concern was supported by the full Committee. At this time, it is very difficult to ensure that there are no substantive changes without investing a significant amount of time and effort due to the lack of an easy to use tool. If unintentional substantive changes are made in the rewrite process and centers are unaware of those changes, they will be out of compliance. It was also suggested that UNOS develop a streamlined review process to address any unintended substantive changes that may get through the review process to ensure that they will be quickly addressed.
 - The Committee also suggested the development of a crosswalk of the policy rewrite and the evaluation plan.
- The Operations and Safety Committee's ABO Verification Work Group TAC representative updated the Committee on the following Work Group discussions:
 - ABO critical checks for donors and transplant candidates;
 - Proposed policy; and
 - Discussed deceased donation ABO verification remaining the OPOs responsibility.
- The Operations and Safety Committee's Vessel Policy Work Group TAC representative updated the Committee on the following Work Group discussions:
 - Public Comment feedback on vessel disposition reporting within 5 days;
 - OPO survey;
 - DEQ site surveyors provided and update on its monitoring efforts related to extra vessels tracking, storage, monitoring and disposition reporting. They will work with the Work Group to revise compliance monitoring if needed based on proposed changes to the reporting system; and
 - Extra Vessel Disposition Reporting webinar
 - Three month assessment survey shows that participants found the webinar to be well received and informative.
- A CMS/OPTN Crosswalk/Education Work Group was created to provide feedback on OPTN/UNOS educational efforts regarding policy and the impact on practice. On August 3, 2012, the Work Group was requested to provide feedback on the CMS/OPTN Crosswalk. Feedback was also requested from the full Committee on August 8, 2012. The Work Group will

set up conference calls when educational efforts are brought to the group for consideration/feedback etc.

- Two Committee members will review and provide feedback on the OPTN evaluation plan.
- The TAC continues to have representatives on various OPTN/UNOS Committee Work Groups. Those Work Groups include: KPD Financial Subcommittee, ABO Verification, MAC Patient Resource Initiative, and Operations and Safety Committee's Vessel Policy. These TAC representatives participate in Live Meetings with these Work Groups to provide the transplant administrator perspective on proposals that may evolve from the Work Group's sponsoring committees. These representatives are also responsible for reporting any of these Work Group updates and activities on the TAC monthly Live Meetings and in person meetings.

TRANSPLANT ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE		
	MONTH	August
	DAY	22
	FORMAT	Live Meeting
NAME	COMMITTEE POSITION	
Timothy Stevens RN, BSN, CCTC	Chair	X
Nancy Metzler	Vice Chair	X
Bette Hopkins-Senecal RN, BSN, MS, CCTC	Regional 1 Rep.	X
Joseph Anton RN, MSN	Regional 2 Rep.	
Leigh Ann Burgess RN, BSN, CCTC	Regional 3 Rep.	X
James Pittman RN, MSN	Regional 4 Rep.	
Amy Peele RN	Regional 5 Rep.	X
Kathy Jo Freeman RN, MSN	Regional 6 Rep.	X
Sara O'Loughlin MHA	Regional 7 Rep.	X
Katie Evers RN, BSN, MBA	Regional 8 Rep.	X
Karen Berger	Regional 9 Rep.	X
Laura Murdock-Stillion MHA	Regional 10 Rep.	X
Robert Teaster RN, MBA, CPTC	Regional 11 Rep.	X
Vikram Acharya BS, MPH	At Large	X
Grace Chang Esq.	At Large	
Beth Fetter RN, CPTC	At Large	X
Gene E. Ridolfi BA, RN, MHA	At Large	X
Richard Spong MD	At Large	X
Angel Carroll MSW	Liaison	X
Cherri Carwile	Assistant Liaison	X
Jude Maghirang MS	UNOS Support Staff	X
Bertram Kasiske MD	SRTR Liaison	X
Tabitha Leighton	SRTR Liaison	X
Erma Edmiston	UNOS Meeting Partners	X
Chiquita Braxton	UNOS Meeting Partners	X
Cheryl Hall	UNOS Staff Support	X
Chinyere Amaefule	Ex. Officio	X