

# Policy Oversight Committee Update

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# 2011-2012 Committee Project Review

For this new process, the POC was glad to participate and assist the Executive Committee with prioritization.

The POC reviewed the 96 projects submitted by the Committees and provided recommendations to the Executive Committee.

# 2011-2012 Committee Project Review

## *POC Scoring Methodology*

The Committee did an initial screen of the projects. Each project was categorized as either yes, no, or maybe according to the following criteria:

- **Yes (Approve)** - Projects that clearly fit with OPTN goals and have consensus for high priority. These will be scored as 1 (aligns with a goal but needs work or has a small impact) or 2 (this can move forward as one of the strategic goals).

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## *POC Scoring Methodology (continued)*

- **No** – Projects without clear alignment to an OPTN goal, unlikely to be completed or having a low cost/benefit. The POC will provide specific feedback to committee if a project is listed in this category
- **Maybe (Needs further discussion)** – These were discussed in greater detail and weighted/scored.

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## *POC Scoring Methodology (continued)*

In addition to alignment to the OPTN goals, projects were scored based on:

- Significance of the problem / Quality of supporting data
- Proposed Solution
- Target Population Impact
- Project Plan / Collaboration
- Cost/Benefit

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## *POC Scoring Methodology (continued)*

Following the meeting, UNOS staff summarized the scoring and comments and distributed the list to the POC members for final approval. All the information was then collated and distributed to the Executive Committee.

# 2011-2012 Committee Project Review

- POC will also review proposals being brought forward for the next public comment cycle in advance of the Executive Committee.
  - We anticipate discussing each proposal in detail and applying a similar scoring methodology. Summary scores and comments will be provided to the Executive Committee to aid in their decision making.
  - Timeline:
    - Mid-July            Draft proposals to POC
    - Early August: POC Conference Call
    - August 24:        Feedback provided to Executive Committee

# Multi-Organ Allocation Policies

The POC was charged with addressing multi-organ allocation policies, which are often confusing to members and contain some ambiguities. Issues discussed included:

- Voluntary sharing of the second organ outside the local DSA.
- Paybacks
- Minimum listing criteria
- Balancing equity and utility



# Multi-Organ Allocation Policies

## *Proposed Path Forward*

- The POC take the leadership role and recommends the formation of a joint subcommittee with members of the organ specific committees.
- The subcommittee will establish a set of goals that will be used to frame committee discussions.

# Multi-Organ Allocation Policies

## *Proposed Path Forward (continued)*

- The subcommittee will identify the ethical principles and framework for the review of multi-organ allocation policies.
- The subcommittee will oversee the development of minimum listing criteria for all organs involved in a multi-organ transplant.

# Policy Rewrite Project Update

Internal UNOS cross-disciplinary teams are currently working on drafts. Besides a plain language rewrite, additional changes including:

- New format
- More tables
- Index
- Table of Contents

# Policy Rewrite Project Update

## Timeline

- Special public comment in July 2012.
- Board approval in November 2012.
- New policies go into effect in December 2012.

# Variance Policies

The POC will be working on proposed changes to the variance policies. These were identified during the policy rewrite as requiring substantive changes.

We are currently planning to include these in the upcoming public comment cycle.