Meeting Notes

OPTN
Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network

OPO Committee Meeting Notes

Date: 6/25/2026
Time: 4:00PM – 5:00PM
Host: Brianna Doby
Purpose: OPO Committee Meeting

Meeting Attendees

Organization	*Name(s)*
HRSA	Brianna Doby
HRSA	Kelly Edwards
OPO	Micah Davis
OPO	PJ Geraghty
OPO	Stephen Gray
OPO	Kerri Jones
OPO	Jasleen Kukreja
OPO	Lori Markham
OPO	Rachel Markowski
OPO	Shane Oakley
OPO	Sharyn Sawzak
OPO	Greg Veenendaal
Visiting Board	Gina-Marie Barletta
Visiting Board	Kevin Lee
OPTN Board	John Magee
AIR	Doug Fesler
Summome	Anne Thomas

Action Items

Action Item	*Owner(s)*	*Due Date*
Case Initiation Policy Language: Verify and finalize the exact policy language regarding the timing of donor ID registration and case initiation for consistency across OPOs	Brianna and Kelly	6/25/2026
Definition of Unplanned Pause: Update the policy language to include "unresolved difference of opinion" in the definition of unplanned pause and ensure legal review for clarity	Brianna and Kelly	6/25/2026
Interpretive Guidance for Policy Implementation: Develop interpretive guidance and educational materials to ensure fidelity of policy implementation aligns with committee intent	Brianna and John	TBD

Meeting Notes and Key Decisions

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Agenda Item: DCD Policy

- **DCD Policy Update Review and Public Comments:** PJ led the committee in reviewing public comments and resolved themes related to the DCD policy update, with members contributing to the discussion and clarification of key issues raised by stakeholders
  - **Public Comment Analysis:** PJ explained that 91 unique comments were received, with 7 themes applied across the comments. Duplicate comments were excluded, and the analysis focused on substantive concerns over proposed policy changes
  - **Resolved Themes:** PJ and Brianna confirmed that reporting and transparency, NRP disclosure, standardization, role clarity, NRP ethics, and the waiting period were considered resolved, with the waiting period standardized to no less than 5 minutes
  - **Unresolved DCD Pause:** PJ noted that the DCD pause remained unresolved and would be the focus of further discussion, emphasizing the need for clarity and definitions regarding its implementation

Agenda Item: **DCD Pause Policy and Stakeholder Education**

- **Clarification of DCD Pause Policy and Stakeholder Education:** Members discussed the DCD pause policy, including responsibilities for education, notification, and documentation, and addressed questions about third-party staff and case initiation timing
  - **Education Responsibilities:** PJ clarified that OPOs are responsible for educating their own staff and third-party procurement and preservation staff operating on their behalf, while transplant centers are responsible for training their own staff and third-party staff they employ
  - **Notification Requirements:** PJ described that OPOs must inform stakeholders about the pause process at two specific time points: within two hours of case initiation and at the time out prior to withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies
  - **Case Initiation and Donor ID Timing:** PJ and Brianna explained that the donor ID must be registered no later than the time at which the OPO decides to proceed with the donation process, and education about the pause must occur within two hours of this registration
  - **Unplanned Pause Definition Adjustment:** A member raised concerns about the definition of unplanned pause, leading to committee agreement to clarify it as an 'unresolved difference of opinion' after initial discussion, with Brianna and PJ noting potential legal review

Agenda Item: Vote

- **Policy Language Finalization and Committee Vote:** The group finalized the policy language, conducted a quorum check, and held a vote via chat, resulting in approval to advance the revised DCD policy to the OPTN Board of Directors
  - **Quorum and Voting Procedure:** Anne confirmed the quorum, and PJ instructed members to vote in the chat
    - Motion to vote: Micah Davis
    - Second: Greg Veenendaal
  - **Vote Outcome:** The committee achieved 8 votes in favor, confirming approval to move the revised policy forward, with Brianna and PJ noting the next steps for Board consideration

- 8 votes approved, 0 not approved, 0 abstain

Agenda Item: Next Steps

- **Next Steps and Board Presentation Preparation:** The group discussed the next steps, including preparing for the July 16th Board meeting, ensuring fidelity of policy implementation, and planning educational materials and interpretive guidance
  - **Board Meeting Scheduling:** PJ confirmed the policy will be presented at the July 16th Board meeting, with Brianna ensuring PJ is added to the invite and verifying Council review
  - **Implementation Guidance:** John emphasized the importance of linking interpretive guidance to the committee's intent and ensuring educational materials and training align with the policy

Agenda Item: Committee Leadership Transition

- **Committee Leadership Transition:** PJ announced their departure as committee chair, with Lori Markham rotating in as the new chair and Micah Davis as vice chair, and the committee acknowledged the significance of the policy revision and its impact
  - **Leadership Succession:** PJ confirmed Lori Markham will serve a two-year term as chair, with Micah Davis as vice chair, and noted their continued involvement as ex officio member until June 30th
  - **Policy Revision Significance:** PJ, John, and Lori Markham highlighted that this is the first substantive revision of DCD policy since 2014, reflecting the growing importance of DCD in organ donation

Individual: First Name	Individual: Last Name	vote
PJ	Geraghty	yes
Lori	Markham	yes
Kerri	Jones	
Sharyn	Sawczak	yes
Theresa	Daly	
Greg	Veenendaal	yes
Rachel	Markowski	yes
Daniel	DiSante	
Micah	Davis	yes
Shane	Oakley	yes
Jasleen	Kukreja	
Stephen	Gray	yes