Meeting Notes

OPTN
Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network

Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup: Meeting Summary

Date: 7/27/2026
Time: 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET

Host: OPTN Board Support
Purpose: Discussion about NRP Policy Language

Meeting Attendees

Organization	*Name(s)*
NRP Workgroup	Rachel Beekman, Kristopher Croome, PJ Geraghty, John Magee, Lori Markham, Bill Ryan, Robert Truog, Steve Weitzen
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	Raymond Lynch, Annie Tor
OPTN Board Support	Becca Fritz, Christine Jones, Amy Lin, Taylor Melanson, Anna Sanderson, Rachel Shapiro, Sophie To

Action Items

Action Item	*Owner(s)*	*Due Date*
Incorporate outstanding revisions from workgroup discussion into draft policy document and circulate to NRP Workgroup	Board Support	7/31/2026
Distribute post-meeting materials (meeting summary and recording) to workgroup members	Board Support	8/3/2026
Review and add comments to revised draft	NRP Workgroup	8/3/2026

Meeting Notes and Key Decisions

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Opening Remarks

NRP Workgroup Chair PJ Geraghty and OPTN President John Magee opened the meeting by stating that the draft Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) policy document was approaching finalization; the workgroup may need one more meeting to approve the document. They also reminded the workgroup about future steps for the document, including approval from the OPTN Board, followed by a public comment process.

Discussion: Review Latest Draft of Proposed Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Policy

The workgroup addressed comments, questions, and revisions throughout the document, starting at the top with the sections contextualizing and summarizing the proposed policy language, and then moving to the policy language sections.

Background and Context

- **Revisions to the text for clarity, accuracy, and specificity**. The workgroup reviewed several key comments and revisions, approving or revising the text further as necessary.
  - A workgroup member explained her comment regarding the paragraph introducing the purpose of the document. She recommended reframing the language in the first sentence to ensure clear and accurate communication to the public. The workgroup agreed to remove the word "multiple" from the sentence.
  - The workgroup approved language suggested by OPTN Board Support legal counsel regarding surgical technique—namely, changing the phrase "signs of life" to "physical responses." Workgroup members appreciated being able to review this language and emphasized the importance of ensuring the medical experts in the workgroup reviewed it.
  - Workgroup members incorporated several suggestions throughout the implementation section to add details regarding authorization and communication, and to align language in the present document with specifications in the Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) policy language.
  - One workgroup member asked why the authorization section seemed to repeat later in the document. The workgroup chair clarified that the authorization section in the beginning was meant to be a summary as part of the background and context portion of the document, while the authorization section later in the document contains actual policy language.
- **Revisions to the *Potential Metrics of Interest* table to clarify specific metrics.** The workgroup emphasized the need to clarify what is meant by NRP being "halted." The Board Support team offered to develop revised language after the meeting for the workgroup to review. Workgroup members and Board Support discussed ensuring the language in this table focused specifically on NRP rather than encompassing overall DCD policy.

Proposed Policy Language

- **Small-scale revisions and reference-checking.** The workgroup reviewed several comments and revisions that did not require extensive deliberation.
  - The workgroup discussed ensuring that all policy citations were correct and up to date. The Board Support team confirmed that they would check references.
  - The workgroup reviewed and approved a revision to *Policy 2.3: Required Disclosure Information for the Donor or Donor's Agent* that addressed ensuring all authorization discussions use plain language.
  - The workgroup chair mentioned that *Policy 2.15.K: Organ Recovery* may need to be updated based on an upcoming change to the DCD policy language.
- **Discussion about authorization for DCD.** The workgroup discussed revisions to language in *Policy 2.15.G: Authorization for DCD*.
  - Workgroup members pointed out the need to clarify and understand the legal framework around first-person authorization and surrogates. The group decided not to revise the wording and left any potential revisions to be determined by legal review.
  - One workgroup member suggested adding details about the process of authorization—including evidence of agreement—later in *Policy 2.15.G*. The workgroup agreed with the proposed revisions.

- The workgroup discussed whether the NRP-specific items in *Policy 2.15.G* should be moved to *Policy 2.15.N: Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP).* The workgroup ultimately agreed to keep the placement of the language as-is. Other items to review include: (1) ensuring that policy language about reperfusion reflects the appropriate level of detail to provide to donor families; and (2) adding details about plans for patient care in the event of reperfusion.

The workgroup agreed to continue discussing revisions to the policy language at the next meeting.

Next Steps

The Chair closed out the meeting by reminding workgroup members to review and add comments to the next iteration of the draft NRP policy document.

The Board Support team will revise the draft NRP policy language based on the workgroup's discussion and circulate the revised draft to the workgroup for review. The next workgroup meeting will take place on Monday, August 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET.