

Policy Oversight Committee Report

OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors

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Proposal to Allow Clerical (Non-substantive) Changes to the OPTN Bylaws and Policies

- Currently out for public comment
- Initial comments are supportive of the proposal
- On the non-discussion agenda at regional meetings
- All changes reviewed retrospectively by the Executive Committee

Definition of Organ Transplant

- Public Comment fall 2014
- UNOS staff routinely receive questions from OPTN/UNOS members about the definition of “organ transplant”
- Will clarify what should be reported as the transplant date, especially reporting requirements in UNetSM.
- Will help to bridge the disconnect in current definitions and actual clinical practices

Clean-up of Multi-Organ Policies

- Public Comment fall 2014
- Collaborative multi-organ policies workgroup with representatives from organ specific committees and OPO committee created proposed policy language
- Updating the current policy language that deals generally with multi-organ candidates and offers (mainly Policy 3.4, 5.4, and 5.8)
- Proposed language will be presented to the full POC in July for a vote

Policy Rewrite “Parking Lot” – Quick Fixes

- Public Comment fall 2014
- Addresses simple substantive fixes identified during the policy plain language rewrite
- Other committees will review drafts of proposed “quick fixes” before final proposal
- Other parking lot items that will take additional research and work will be handled as committee projects and prioritized with other projects

Recurring POC Activities

Initial
Project
Proposal

Committee
Project
Review

Public
Comment

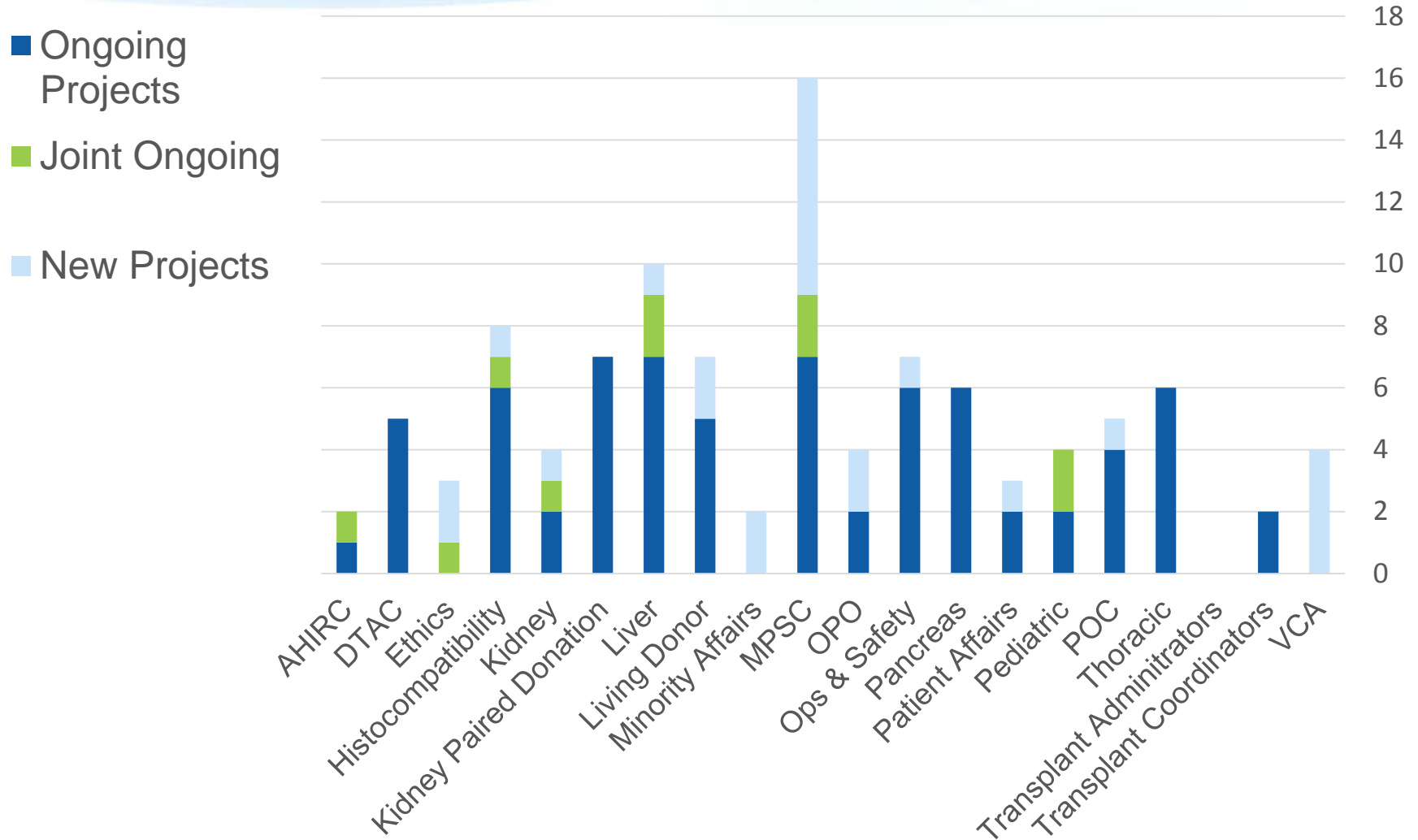
Board
Review

IT
Prioritization
of Board-
approved
Projects

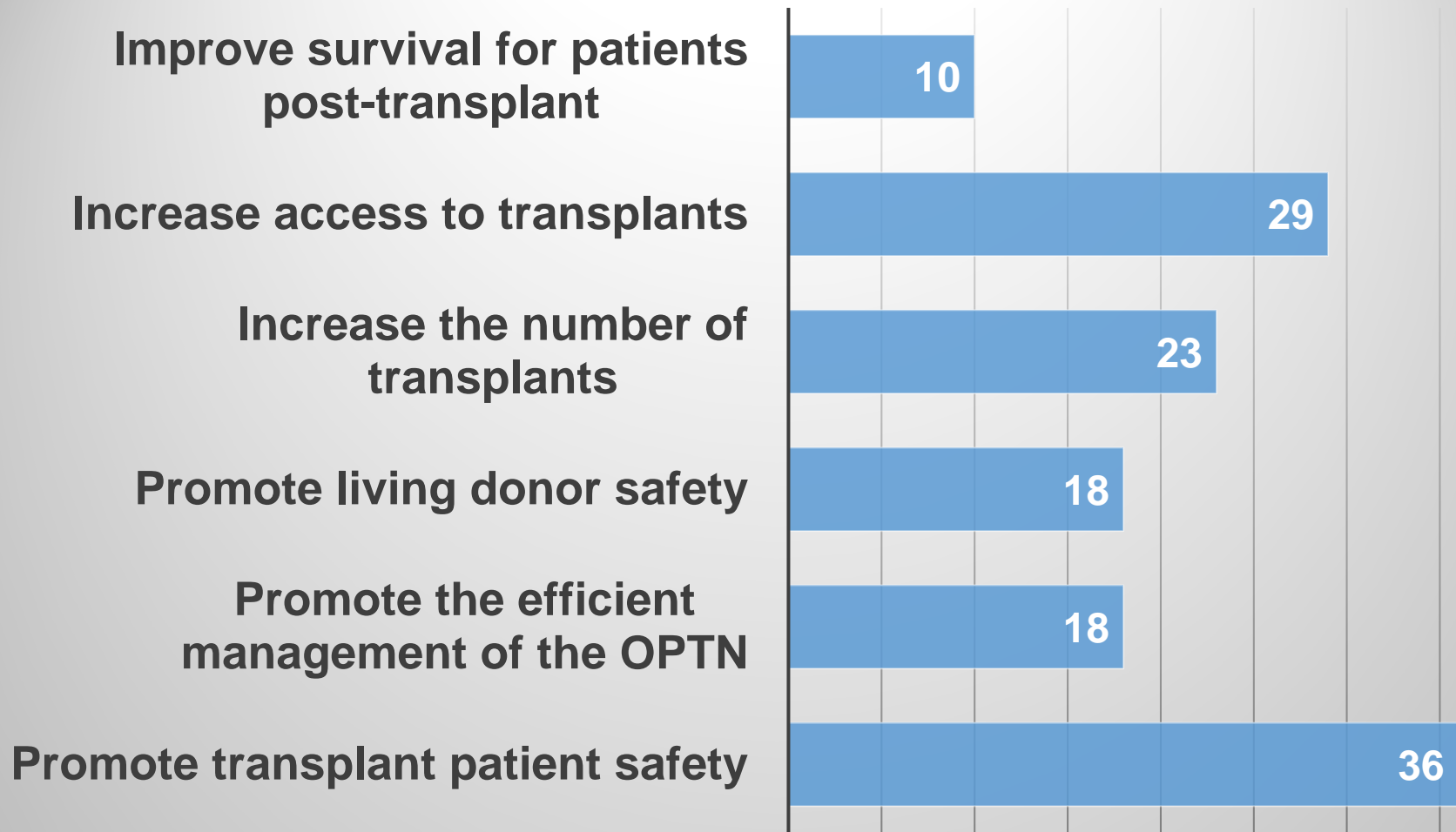
Committee Project Review

- Reviewed 25 new projects and 74 ongoing projects
 - *Read the POC board report for more details!*
- Ensure that committee projects are in line with the Final Rule and support the strategic plan
- Maximize OPTN and UNOS staff resources
- Coordinate and ensure collaboration between committees
- Recommend project work plan to the Executive Committee

Projects per Committee



Projects per Strategic Goal



Pre-Public Comment Review

- Reviewed proposals for spring 2014 public comment and made recommendations to the Executive Committee
- POC members completed a survey that asked:
 - Is the problem statement clearly stated and supported by evidence?
 - Does the proposed solution address the problem?
 - Did the sponsoring committee collaborate with others, if necessary?
 - Does the proposal support the Final Rule and Strategic Plan?
- 17 proposals currently out for public comment

IT Prioritization of board-approved projects

- Reviewed board-approved projects awaiting UNetsm programming
- All projects will be implemented, but limited resources require that they be prioritized
- Made prioritization recommendations based on this review and the POC's assessment of the business value to the Executive Committee
- Details are provided in the POC board report

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