Current Work

- Policy Rewrite Project
- Multi-Organ Allocation
- Committee Projects
- Data Release Policies
- Data Collection Issue
Policy Rewrite Project

Goals of the project:

- Make policies easier to understand.
- Don’t inadvertently change the intent of any policies.
Policy Rewrite Project – New features

- Headings
- New numbering format
- Table of Contents
- Tables & Lists
- Consistent and Central Definitions
- Index
- Change History
- Cross References
Policy Rewrite Project - Schedule

- Review between October and March
- POC members will review individual policies
  (Assignments made based on subject matter expertise and interests, at least 2 reviewers per policy)
- View and approve final product at March 2012 POC meeting
Policy Rewrite Project - Schedule

- Special public comment – June/July 2012
- Approval by the Board – November 2012
Policy Rewrite Project – Other Issues

- During the initial review of existing policy, a significant set of unenforceable "should" language was identified.

- These instances have been catalogued as the policies were rewritten.

- With BOD guidance, the POC anticipates coordinating a comprehensive review of these “should” instances with the long term goal of relocating language that is not changed to "must".
Multi-Organ Allocation

- Last fall, the POC was charged with addressing multi-organ allocation policies which are often confusing to members and contain some ambiguities. Subcommittee was formed.

Work to date:
- Feb. 7th, March 3rd conference calls
- June Board Meeting – ok with path forward
- Sept. 20th, Oct. 5th conference calls
Multi-Organ Allocation

The discussions focused on 3 areas:

• Ethical Principles
• Minimum Listing Criteria
• Logistics / Ambiguities
Multi-Organ Allocation – Path Forward

Seek input from organ specific committees

- Liver, Kidney, Pancreas (committees who have previously worked on minimum listing criteria i.e. liver-kidney, kidney-pancreas):
  - Do you think the minimum listing criteria issues are resolved for your organ and if so, what are the important principles that were used to get there?
  - Are there other organ combinations including your organ for which minimum listing criteria do not exist but should?
  - Is there adequate priority for patients who don’t meet criteria to get a 2\textsuperscript{nd} organ if failure develops after 1\textsuperscript{st} transplant?
Multi-Organ Allocation – Path Forward

Seek input from organ specific committees (cont’d)

- Thoracic: Can minimum listing criteria be developed for heart and lung candidates when needed in combination with second organ?

Seek input from all committees

- Should priority for 2nd organ be extended beyond DSA?
- Are there policy ambiguities / logistics issues / procurement issues that need to be addressed?
The POC reviewed 96 projects in March 2011 and provided recommendations to the Executive Committee in June 2011.

The POC reviewed an additional 14 projects at their meeting last month and provided recommendations to the Executive Committee yesterday.
2011-2012 Committee Project Review

The POC is still refining its process for reviewing committee projects.

Potential improvements include:

• Revising the committee project form in order to ensure important information is provided to the POC
• Collecting data on liaison time spent on projects will allow for better time estimates
• Monitoring ongoing projects
Data Release Policies

- Release of information to the public/Access to Data
- Planning total revision because existing language is outdated
  - Streamline
  - Remove unnecessary language
  - Better address release of patient-level information
  - Combine 9/10 into one policy
Data Collection Issue: Brief History

- OPTN forms must be approved by OMB
  - Renewed every 3 years
  - Additions must adhere to PODC
  - In 2010, the forms were reviewed “en masse”
    - All forms considered at once
    - Time and resource intensive
    - Challenging to manage all committee input
    - Huge effort by AHDMG/POC

- Most recent OMB forms proposal had overwhelming negative public comment
Data Collection Issue

The POC intends to develop guidelines that will be used to guide committees considering adding data elements.

- Clear Justification for additional data elements
- Establish level of evidence required
- Consider whether pilot project is appropriate
- Anticipate form changes proposed as needed