

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)
HEART, LUNG, AND LIVER (HLL) TRANSPLANTATION SERVICES
STANDARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEETING**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Approved Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Dr. Christopher Sonnenday called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

A. Members present:

Dr. Christopher Sonnenday – Chairperson
Dr. Damanpreet Bedi – Vice-Chairperson (*Arrived at 10:19am*)
Dr. Heather Stamat
Dr. Brian Fedoronko
Dr. Hugh Lindsey
Dr. Ammar Hassan
Dr. Ahmed Nassar (*Arrived at 9:32am*)
Dr. Deepak Venkat
Dr. Joel Stracke
Dr. John Serini
Dr. Srinivas Janardan
Jenna Beckman
Jeff Muller
Kelly Summers
Makenzie Buchert

B. Member Absent:

None

C. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Staff Present:

Tiffani Stanton
Marcus Connolly
Ninah Sasy
Tulika Bhattacharya
Cliffaney Wilkinson
Katherine Tucker
Justin Easter

II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared to prevent anyone from participating in the meeting.

III. Review of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Serini, seconded by Dr. Stamat to approve the final agenda as presented. All in favor.

Motion carried.

IV. Review of Minutes of December 11, 2025

Motion Dr. Serini, seconded by Mr. Muller to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2025. All in favor.

Motion carried.

V. Discuss Cost and Quality Gaps Related to a 4th Liver Transplant Program

Dr. Sonnenday discussed the gaps identified during the December SAC meeting as it relates to cost and quality of a 4th Liver Transplant Program.

A spreadsheet from the OPTN showing the US (adult) transplant programs from 1988 to November 2025 was presented and discussed amongst the SAC members.

VI. Heart, Lung, and Liver Transplantation Services CON Review Standard

i. Review 2024-2025 HLL SAC Working Draft

The SAC reviewed and discussed the language in the working draft from the 2024-2025 HLL SAC.

ii. Review of Public Hearing Recommendations

The SAC reviewed the comments and language recommendations that were presented from the public hearing.

iii. Discuss Proposed Language Edits and Recommendations

The SAC reviewed and discussed potential language recommendations presented by Dr. Sonnenday.

VII. Next Steps

The Chair, Dr. Sonnenday, would like to reach out to the consumer, purchaser, payers representatives offline to discuss costs of a 4th liver transplant program from their perspective.

VIII. Public Comment

Melissa Reitz, McCall Hamilton

IX. Future Meeting Dates

February 5, 2026; March 5, 2026; April 2, 2026; May 7, 2026

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Janardan, seconded by Dr. Lindsey to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 AM. All in favor.

Motion carried.