Shark Tank: Give HRSA More Control

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Learning Objectives

• Identify the federal legal/regulatory factors limiting HRSA’s ability to influence the OPTN

• Describe opportunities for HRSA to positively influence OPTN development
Should the OPTN of THEN be the OPTN of NOW?

• 1984 – NOTA establishes the OPTN
  – shall carry out the functions described in NOTA
  – shall be a private nonprofit entity which is not engaged in any activity unrelated to organ procurement
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• 2000 – HRSA promulgates the OPTN Final Rule
  – Codifies the existing framework of the OPTN
  – Limits flexibility to respond to changing environments
Time For a More Unconstrained Role?

• Revisions to NOTA and/or Final Rule
  – Permit broader contractor involvement
  – Rethink OPTN governance
  – Promote involvement of previously uninvolved specialties/constituencies
Government At Its Best

• Convener of the best experts
• Instigator of improvement
• Catalyst for change
”We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win.”
Thank you

For the eyes of the world now look into space,
to the moon and to the planets beyond,
and we have vowed that we shall not see
it polluted by a hostile flag of conquest,
but carried home a banner of freedom and peace.

John F. Kennedy