

**DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council**

**January 8, 2025**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

***Please stand by. The meeting will begin shortly.***

**Agenda**

* Welcome: Roll Call & Vote to Approve 11/13/2024 Minutes
* Announcements: General & Housekeeping
* Guest Speakers: Department of Mental Health Panel
* Guest Speakers: Reflection of Guest Speakers
* Guest Speakers: Future Guest Speakers Update
* Discussion: Update on Report Process
* Discussion: American Academy of Pediatrics
* Wrap Up: Next Steps
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, 4-6PM
* Vote: Adjourn

**Opening Roll Call & Vote**

* Attendance **roll call**
* **Vote** to approve Meeting Minutes (November 13, 2024)

**Statutory Authority**

**Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020**, or the Health Care Omnibus bill establishes a special advisory council, chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, or his designee, to advise the commissioner on research, diagnosis, treatment and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANDAS/PANS).

**General Announcements**

* Does anyone have any announcements?

– Council seat opening

**Department of Mental Health, DMH**

* Carol Murphy, LICSW, Director of Programs and Practice, DMH Child, Youth and Family Services
* Mi-Haita James, LCSW, Assistant Commissioner, DMH Child, Youth and Family Services
* Nandini Talwar, M.D., Child Psychiatrist and Medical Director, DMH Child, Youth and Family Services
* Discussion Format
  + 15 minutes: DMH presentation
  + 30 minutes: Questions & Answers
* Update your name and role in Webex for our speakers
* Raise hand
* Presentation and Q&A will end promptly by 5 pm
* Be mindful of the space and time you are taking
* Foster an open discussion focused on group learning and problem solving JV/SG

**Guest Speakers: Reflection on DMH**

* Related to the 2024 report, did the speaker share anything:
  + That supports it?
  + That contradicts it?
* Do you have follow-up questions for DMH?
* Do you have any recommendations for the next report yet?

**2025 Guest Speaker Update**

* We will work to invite these three agencies for 2025:

1. Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
2. Department of Children and Families (DCF)
3. Department of Youth Services (DYS)

* We will send out a poll for people to submit questions once we have confirmations from the speakers
  + The Council should consider previous recommendations/activities that were noted in past report

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**Now-Feb 9th** Writing group and DPH will work to edit the report

**Feb 9th- Feb 23rd**

Council sends all individual edits to writing group

**March 12th** Council votes on final report

**Feb 9th** Writing group sends current draft to Council

**Report Timeline**

**March 5th** Writing group returns final draft to Council

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

* What are your thoughts about the AAP’s clinical report?
* How could we follow up with the MA chapter?

**Next Steps**

* Second Meeting of 2025!
  + **Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, 4-6 PM**
  + Future meetings via WebEx Events
    - If you need help, please email Maddy Goskoski at [madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov](mailto:madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov) in advance who will find assistance.
* Next steps:
  + Email [madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov](mailto:madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov) to get on the March agenda
  + Anything else?
  + Vote to Adjourn

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Thank You!