

**DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council**

# March 12, 2025

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

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

**Agenda**

* Welcome: Roll Call & Vote to Approve 1/8/2025 Minutes
* Introductions: Welcome Kelli Kennedy, MD!
* Announcements: General & Housekeeping
* Discussion: Update on Report Process
* Update: 2025 Guest Speakers (specific questions for DDS, MassHealth and DCF meetings from May through September)
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, 4-6PM
* Vote: Adjourn

**Opening Roll Call & Vote**

* Attendance **roll call**
* **Vote** to approve Meeting Minutes (January 8, 2025)

**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).

**Introductions**

# Welcome to Dr. Kelli Kennedy!

Everyone please share your:

* Name
* Role on the Council
* Why you are on the Council (*one sentence, please*) 

**General Announcements**

* Does anyone have any announcements?

Update on Report Process

* Writing group to report out

**Questions for DDS**

* What specific questions do we have for DDS?
* Send any questions for DCF and MassHealth to Jennifer and Sheilah following this meeting

**Standard Questions**

Background Information about agency/program overall and info related to PANDAS/PANS:

* Agency/role description
* Overview of program/services
* Eligibility for program/services
* Any available data/stats related to PANDAS/PANS
* Any relevant case management or training
* Recent family support efforts
* Funding
* Gaps and challenges generally
* Future goals and initiatives

**Standard Questions**

PANDAS/PANS specific questions:

* What experience/exposure do you/your organization have with PANDAS/PANS?
* What knowledge or understanding does your staff/organization have about PANDAS/PANS?
* What professional development including training/information resources have you and your staff had related to PANDAS/PANS?
* What additional trainings or resources do you need to understand PANDAS/PANS better?
* What kind of barriers do you experience when working with children & youth with PANDAS/PANS and their families?
* What are your hopes and goals for quality of life and well-being for this community?

**Next Steps**

* Third Meeting of 2025!
  + **Wednesday, May 14th, 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 May agenda
  + Anything else?
  + Vote to Adjourn

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Thank You!