DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

March 13, 2024

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Agenda

* Welcome: Roll Call & Vote to Approve 1/8/2024 Minutes
* Announcements: General & Housekeeping
* Discussion: Guest Speaker Presentation & Discussion
* Discussion: Guest Speaker Reflection
* Wrap Up: Next Steps
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 4-6PM
* Vote: Adjourn

Opening Roll Call & Vote

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

Aim Statement

The DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council aims to advise the DPH Commissioner on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric discovered associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANDAS/PANS).

General Announcements

Report status:

* Diagnosis, Treatment, and Education Work Groups are complete eff. 3/8
* Still need Research Work Group's citations and bar chart; uncited references and incomplete graphics will be removed 3/14

Other Advisor Council updates

Guest Speaker

* Welcome Mary Beth Miotto, MD, MPH, FAAP
  + President, MA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
  + Pediatrician, Mattapan Community Health Center
  + Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UMass Chan Medical School
* Discussion Format
  + 15 minutes: Dr. Miotto to present background and thoughts
  + 30 minutes: Questions and Answers
    - Raise hand
    - Be mindful of the space and time you are taking
    - Foster an open discussion focused on group learning and problem solving

Guest Speaker Reflection

We will send the slides to Council members to read through and digest for further reflection at a future meeting. For now, what is your initial response to what you heard:

* Re: the last report, was there anything:
  + That supports it?
  + That contradicts it?
* What was the takeaway message?
* What will the Council’s next steps be?
  + Do you have follow-up questions for Dr. Miotto?
  + How will you incorporate what you heard into the next report?

Guest Speaker Discussion

Future Guest Speakers for the rest of 2024 – 5 questions needed for each

1. DOI, Deputy Cmr. Kevin Beagan
2. DESE
3. DMH
4. DCF
5. Bureau of Public Health Hospitals
6. EOHHS

Process Moving Forward

Next Steps

Third meeting of 2024

* Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 4-6 PM
* Future meetings via WebEx Events
* If you need help, please email Maddy Goskoski at madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov in advance who will find assistance.

Next steps:

* Email madelyn.m.goskoski@mass.gov to get on the May agenda
* Anything else?
* Vote to Adjourn