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# Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

**March 13, 2024**  
**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

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

# 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).

# 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](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

# Motion to Adjourn

Thank You!