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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

May 11, 2022
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Please stand by. The meeting will begin shortly.

Agenda

- Welcome: Roll call & vote to approve 3/9/22 minutes
- Present: Work group reports (10 min to present, 5 Q&A)
 - Treatment
 - Research
 - Diagnosis
 - Education
- Share: Next step in process: Gap analysis (5 minutes)
- Discuss: Annual Report draft (40 minutes)
- Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 4-6 pm
- Vote: Adjourn

Opening Roll Call & Vote

- Attendance **roll call**
- **Vote** to approve Meeting Minutes (March 9, 2022)

Meeting rules

- Open Meeting Law applies
- Agenda pre-planned
- Council Member attendance taken to establish quorum
- Cameras on during the meetings
- Mute your mic unless you are speaking
- Chat function disabled
- Meeting not recorded
- “Raise your Hand” option to speak

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 her 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).

2022 Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule

Meeting #	Month and Day		Time	Week of Month
1	January 12	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd Complete
2	March 9	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd Complete
3	May 11	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd
4	July 13	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd
5	September 14	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd
6	November 9	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd

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 disorder discovered associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (**PANDAS/PANS**).

The Advisory Council will **issue a report to the general court annually with recommendations** concerning:

- **Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment** of the disorder and syndrome;
- Development of **screening protocols**;
- **Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education** regarding the disorder and syndrome among physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers and providers of mental health services;
- **Outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness** of the disorder and syndrome; and
- **Development of a network of volunteer experts** on the diagnosis and treatment of the disorder and syndrome. (From Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020).

Work Group Reporting Guidelines

- **High level reports** from each work group reporter
- Timing: **10 min + 5 Q&A**
- Share:
 - Each group's **process**
 - General **topics** team discussed
 - Each team's **plans** moving forward
- No need to vote on content until Council is ready to do so.
- Each work group will decide its readiness to move from baseline setting to gap analysis. Progress may vary.

Work Group Reports (10 min share & 5 Q&A)

- **Treatment**

- Sheilah Gauch, Reporter; Melissa Glynn-Hyman, Facilitator

- **Research**

- Mark Pasternack, Reporter/Facilitator

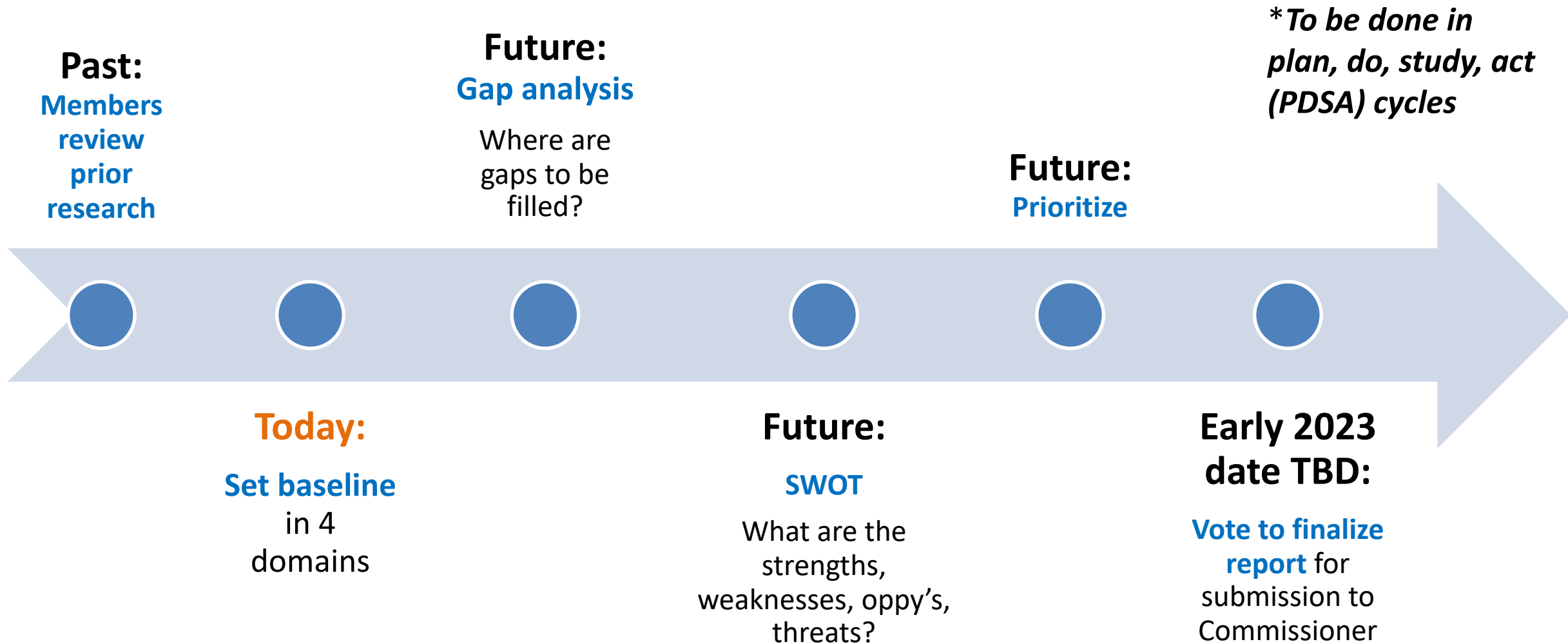
- **Diagnosis**

- John Gaitanis, Reporter; Sylvia Fogel, Facilitator

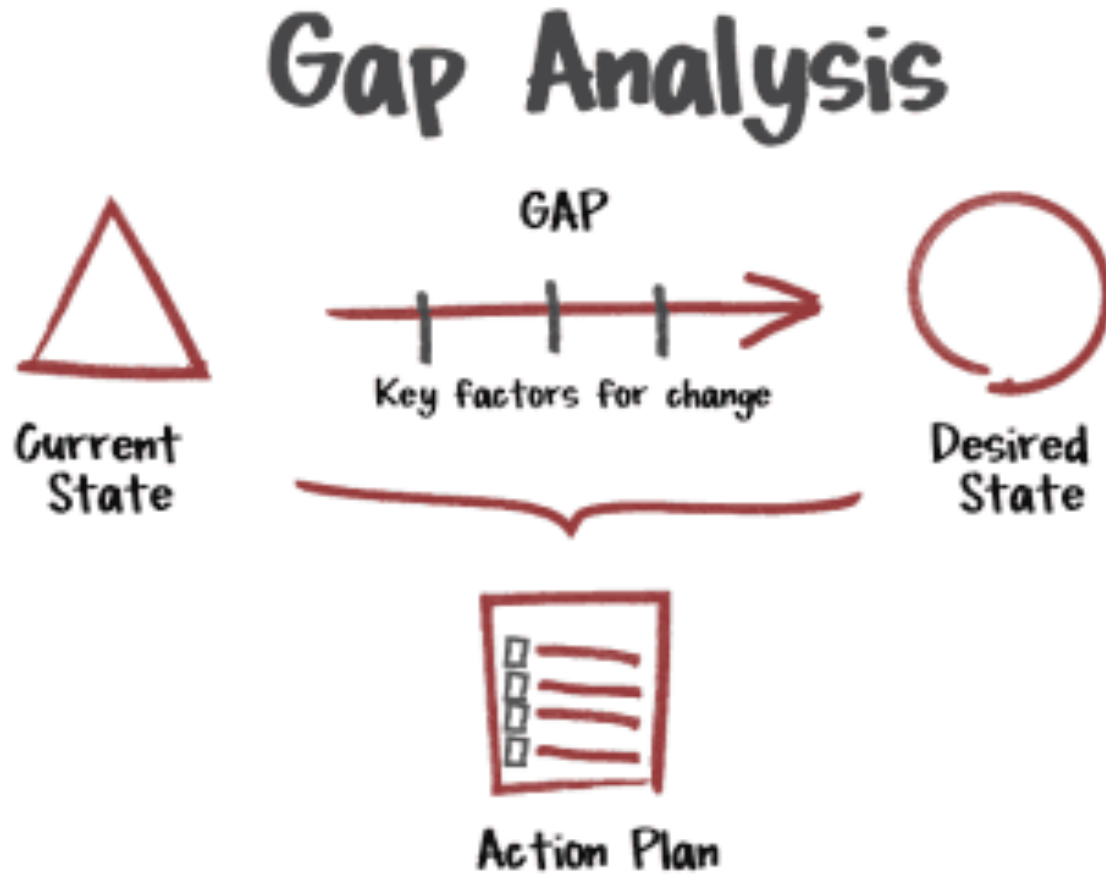
- **Education**

- Michelle Pinto, Reporter; Lisa Grisolia, Facilitator

Possible timeline*



Simple Gap Analysis

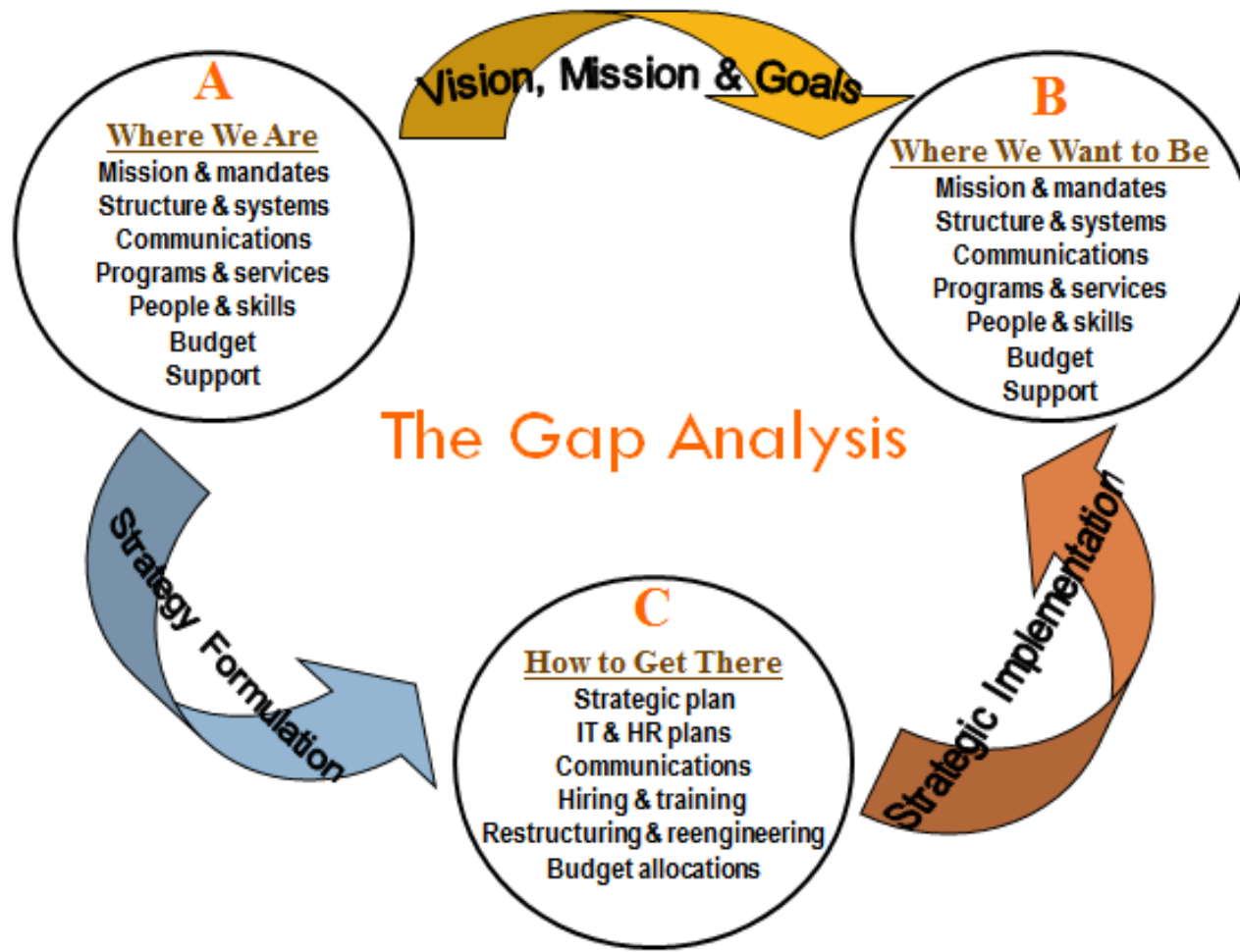


1. Where are we now?

2. Where do we want to be?

3. How do we get there?

Complex Gap Analysis



- A. Where are we now?**
- B. Where do we want to be?**
- Mission & mandate
 - Structure & systems
 - Communications
 - Programs & services
 - People & skills
 - Budget
 - Support
- C. How do we get there?**
- Strategic plan
 - Communications
 - Restructuring & reengineering
 - Budget allocations

First Annual Report Draft Review (45 minutes)

- Overview of report (3 mins)
- Discussion of preliminary research (15 mins)
- Discussion of conclusion (10 mins)
- Comments from Council (10 mins)
- Next steps for the report (2 mins)

First Annual Report Next Steps

- Individual Edits
 - Email amy.benison@mass.gov by May 25th
 - Individual edits should be crucial to the meaning or understanding of the report
- Finals Edits
 - DPH team will send timeline to review
 - DPH team will incorporate edits and finalize
- Council Approval
 - Vote to approve report at July 13th meeting
- DPH Internal Process

Next Steps

- Fourth bi-monthly meeting for 2022
 - **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 4-6 PM**
 - Future meetings via WebEx Events
 - If you need help, please email Betsy Day in advance who will find assistance
- Agenda for next time:
 - Final **vote** on the first annual report
 - **Report outs** from work groups
 - Possible future meeting **agenda items** for Council consideration
 - Anything else?

Motion to Adjourn

Thank You!