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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

November 29, 2021
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Please stand by. The meeting will begin shortly.

Agenda

- Welcome: Roll call & vote to approve 10/25/21 minutes
- OML & work groups: Sophia Apostola, DPH
- Introductions: Melissa McCormack Bacskai, MD & John Gaitanis, MD
- Aim statement & work plan review & edits
 - Vote on final version today
 - OR complete & vote on January 12, 2022
- Resources for report content (as time allows)
- Plans & preparations for next meeting, January 12, 2022
- Vote: Adjourn

Opening Roll Call & Vote

- Attendance roll call
- Vote to approve Meeting Minutes (October 25, 2021)

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
2	March 9	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd
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

Open Meeting Law re: Work Groups

Sophia Apostola

DPH Legal Counsel to the Bureau of Family Health & Nutrition

Council Member Introductions

- Dr. Melissa McCormack Bacskai
- Dr. John Gaitanis

Please share (up to 5 minutes each):

- What is your **connection to PANDAS/PANS**, and what brought you here?
- What **skills & experience** will you contribute to the Council?
- What do you **hope to achieve**?

Aim statement/work plan development

- During today's meeting, the Council will:
 - Review **logic model** draft
 - Review **aim statement & work plan** draft
 - Determine goals, scope, timeline, etc.
 - Determine Council **member roles** based on skills & experience
 - Determine **next steps** for documents to complete & implement

Logic Model

DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council Logic Model

Rev. 11/29/21

Situation: The advisory council was created in Section 26 (242) of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020, or the Health Care Omnibus bill. The Council is slated to report to the DPH Commissioner. To represent the Commissioner as her designee, the Division for Children & Youth with Special Health Needs are most appropriate for this role.

Advisory Council Purpose: Advise the DPH Commissioner on research, diagnosis, treatment and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANDAS/PANS).

Short Term Goal: By January 12, 2022, the Council will have developed a work plan and aim statement to begin its research and writing of its first annual report to the Commissioner.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes		
			S/T	M/T	L/T
Source Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts of 2020 Ch 260 Section 242• Lit Review research done by MA Coalition• Model Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elaine G to chair & two advisory council members to facilitate• Write aim statement and work plan with members to determine guiding principles, meeting structure, agenda setting, key concept/terms	1 Environmental Scan in Year One 1 Report to Commissioner in Year One # <u>of</u> meetings held # <u>of</u> meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental scan of PANDAS/PANS in Massachusetts and US• First year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More families engaged in the science and advocacy for these disorders.• More research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CYSHN with PANDAS/PANS and their families in MA will experience a higher quality of life

Aim Statement & Work Plan

PROJECT AIM STATEMENT & WORK PLAN *PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council*

OVERALL PROJECT AIM

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

We aim to: *(What are you trying to accomplish? Which focus area(s) are you working in? What is your specific project within that focus area? Use words like improve, reduce, and increase to identify the overall goal. Make it specific, measurable, achievable, and relevant.)*

The DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council aims to advise the DPH Commissioner each year through annual reports about research, diagnosis, treatment and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANDAS/PANS).

because: *(Why is it important? Answer the “so what” question and describe the rationale and reasons to work on this improvement project.)*

Doing so will drive progress in each of these domains that will ultimately result in improved

Resources for annual report

- Sheilah Gauch, co-facilitator
- Jennifer Vitelli, co-facilitator
- All four categories will be shared.

Next Steps

- First bi-monthly meeting for 2022
 - Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 4-6 PM
 - Future meetings via Microsoft Teams
 - If you need help, please email Betsy Day in advance who will find assistance
- Agenda for next time (TBD by Council Members)
 - Aim statement/work plan
 - Send existing research prior to Council
 - Send baseline/overview of research specific to each topic before we meet
 - Doodle poll to establish 4 work groups based on 4 topics before we meet
 - AG representative re: OML and work groups

Vote to Adjourn

Thank You!