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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

DPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

November 9, 2022
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Please stand by. The meeting will begin shortly.

Agenda

- Welcome: Roll call & vote to approve 9/14/22 minutes
- Announcements: General & housekeeping
- Discussion: Year reflection & moving forward
- Present: No work group updates this month
- Vote: Work group meeting times
- Wrap Up: Next steps for work groups
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 4-6 pm
- Vote: Adjourn

Opening Roll Call & Vote

- Attendance **roll call**
- **Vote** to approve Meeting Minutes (September 14, 2022)

Meeting Rules

- Open Meeting Law applies:
 - Chat function disabled
 - Texting, emails, etc. are public records
 - Council member attendance taken to establish quorum
- Agenda pre-planned
- Cameras on during the meetings
- Mute your mic unless you are speaking
- 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).

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).

General Announcements

- Jennifer, Sheilah and Mark met with the Deputy Commissioner of Insurance
- Elaine visited the Dearborn Academy at the invitation of Sheilah and Rebecca Altepeter (Head of School), and Peggy Chapman attended as medical advisor as well
- *Please contact Elaine.Gabovitch@mass.gov to add any other Advisory Council updates, announcements to future agendas.*

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 Complete
4	July 13	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd Complete
5	September 14	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd Complete
6	November 9	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2nd Pending

2023 Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule

Meeting #	Month and Day		Time	Week of Month
1	January 11	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd
2	March 8	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd
3	May 10	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd
4	July 12	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd
5	September 13	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd
6	November 8	Wednesday	4-6 PM	2 nd

Reflection Discussion re: 2022

- Let's take a moment to reflect on the past year!
 - What worked?
 - What didn't?
 - What would you like to keep/discard/change, etc.?

Please take ***no more than 2 minutes*** to share your reflection.

Future Discussion re: 2023

- How do we want to approach Council meetings in 2023?
 - What questions do you want answered over the next year?
 - Who do you want to invite to Council meetings?
 - Subject matter experts, families, government officials, etc.
 - What would that look like?
 - When?
 - What questions do you have for each? (see next “workspace” slide)

Workspace for 2023 Invited Experts

Month	SME	Questions

Work Group Reporting Guidelines

- **High level reports** from work group reporter
- Timing: ***15 minutes***
- Share:
 - Each group's **process**
 - General **topics** team discussed
 - Each team's **plans** moving forward
 - Engage Council with **questions**
- No need to vote on content until Council is ready to do so.

Work Group Meeting Times

- Work Group Scheduling:
 - Set all work group meetings for 2023
 - DPH will need to provide meeting links
 - Option 1: **DPH employee email is posted to monitor for public access** during the meeting time
 - If before or after standard business hours, the Council will need to agree upon a regular meeting time
 - Example: Meet 2nd Wed 4-6 or 7-9PM bi-monthly between full AC meetings and use breakout rooms
 - Option 2: **Work group members offer a personal or business phone number** for public access
 - Work groups can choose a regular meeting time that work best for them, however we ask that they are preplanned for the year and between the hours of 7AM-9PM (to allow for reasonable public access)
- *We recommend meeting bi-monthly between full AC meetings on a regular basis.*

Next Steps

- First meeting of 2023
 - **Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 4-6 PM**
 - Future meetings via WebEx Events
 - If you need help, please email Amy Benison in advance who will find assistance
- Next steps:
 - **Continue to work on baselines** from work groups through January
 - Amy will reach out to all work groups for missing documents
 - Invite a family member to tell their story and/or invite a subject matter expert to inform the Council
 - Email Elaine.Gabovitch@mass.gov to get on the January agenda
 - Anything else?

Motion to Adjourn

Thank You!