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MEMORANDUM

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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
President Pro Tempore, Senate of Virginia

The Honorable Don Scott
Speaker of the House, Virginia House of Delegates

FROM: Karen Shelton, MD
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SUBJECT: 2024 Report on the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune
Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal
Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

This report is submitted in compliance with the Code of Virginia § 32.1-73.10, which states:

The Advisory Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, by December 1 of each year, on the Advisory Council's recommendations related to:

- 1. Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome;*
- 2. Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education regarding pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome among physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers, and providers of mental health services;*

3. Outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; and

4. Development of a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome to assist in the delivery of education and outreach]

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 864-7002.

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Enclosure

Pc: The Honorable Janet V. Kelly, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

**REPORT ON THE PEDIATRIC
AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC
DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH
STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND
PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PREFACE

The Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council (PANDAS/PANS Council) is tasked by the Code of Virginia (§§ 32.1-73.9 through 32.1-73.11) with advising the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). The Council is to provide a report to the Governor and the General Assembly each year by December 1 summarizing the activities and recommendations of the Council. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is tasked with providing staff support to the Council and assisting the Council with preparing this document, which serves as the Council's 2024 report.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) Advisory Council (Council) is tasked by the Code of Virginia (§§32.1-73.9 through 32.1-73.11) to advise the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to PANDAS and PANS. The Council is required to report to the Governor and General Assembly each year by December 1st summarizing the activities and recommendations of the Council related to practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS; mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education; outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness; and the development of a network of volunteer experts. Summary points from this report are listed below.

2024 REPORT SUMMARY

1. VDH last convened the PANDAS/PANS Council for a meeting in October 2021. The Council has not met since then because it had been missing appointees to the Council. Specifically, the Council was awaiting appointment of the four legislative members from the House of Delegates by the Speaker of the House after the 2021 election of members to the House of Delegates. While awaiting new appointees, no advisory council activities took place in calendar years 2022 and 2023. As of October 1, 2024, five legislative and seven gubernatorial members have been appointed to the Council, following the 2023 Virginia House of Delegates elections. VDH has therefore scheduled the Council to reconvene in November 2024.
2. Over this past year, VDH staff have been preparing to reconvene the Council, including realigning staff roles to provide optimal support to the Council; developing a workplan for the Council; conducting background research on the Council's work and PANDAS/PANS in preparation to facilitate Council meetings and activities; participating in conversations with stakeholders about ongoing work surrounding PANDAS/PANS; conducting outreach to new Council members; and planning for the November 2024 PANDAS/PANS meeting.
3. VDH will reconvene the Council in November 2024.

INTRODUCTION

REPORT MANDATE

The Code of Virginia § 32.1-73.9, promulgated by Chapter 466 of the 2017 Acts of the General Assembly, directs the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to support the Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council (Council). The Code mandates that the Council advise the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 32.1-73.10, the Council is required to report to the Governor and General Assembly each year by December 1st summarizing the activities and recommendations of the Council.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Over the past year, VDH staff have been preparing to reconvene the Council and continue Council activities. Activities included:

- Realigning roles of current staff to provide optimal support to the Council. The transition of the Council support staff to the VDH Birth Defects Surveillance Program Coordinator will provide improved staff support with a clinical background, expertise with facilitating Council meetings, experience leveraging public health resources, and demonstrated skill in engaging stakeholders across the Commonwealth.
- Conducting background research on the Council's work and PANDAS/PANS. This included reviewing past PANDAS/PANS Council reports and materials to determine where the Council left off and how VDH can best support the Council in achieving its goals moving forward. VDH plans to support the Council in doing a deeper examination of updates in treatment, current evidence-based practices, insurance coverage, and available resources on PANDAS/PANS.
- Participating in conversations with stakeholders about ongoing work surrounding PANDAS/PANS and developing a plan for continued stakeholder outreach on this topic. VDH staff engaged in conversations with Bureau of Insurance (BOI) and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) about their current exploration of PANDAS/PANS insurance coverage. Moving forward, VDH intends to work with the Council to continue these conversations, as well as collaborate with sister agencies and work with the Council to conduct outreach to external stakeholders to increase awareness and education around PANDAS/PANS.
- Preparing for Council meetings and activities. This included drafting a work plan, conducting outreach to new members, and scheduling the first meeting. VDH staff have engaged with the members and disseminated historical content to prepare for resuming Council activities. VDH will reconvene the Council for its first meeting in November 2024.

REPORT OUTLINE

This report provides an overview of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and the establishment of the Council. It also highlights previous Council activities, provides a status update on the Council, and summarizes next steps for reconvening the Council.

CLINICAL OVERVIEW OF PANDAS/PANS

PANDAS is an abbreviation for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections. The term was first used in 1998 to describe a subset of children and adolescents who have obsessive compulsive disorder and/or tic disorders, and in whom symptoms worsen following strep infections such as strep throat or scarlet fever (Swedo et al., 1998). The PANDAS subgroup is part of a larger cohort of children whose symptom onset is unusually abrupt and dramatic, or Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)(Swedo et al., 2012). PANS is defined by three clinical criteria:

1. *Abrupt onset of OCD or eating restrictions;*
2. *Concomitant onset of at least two of seven of the following: anxiety (particularly separation anxiety); emotional lability and/or depression; irritability, aggression and/or oppositional behaviors; deterioration in school performance; motor or sensory abnormalities; and somatic signs and symptoms (particularly sleep disturbances, enuresis and urinary urgency or frequency); and*
3. *The acute-onset symptoms are not better explained by another neurologic or medical disorder.*

Symptoms of PANS may result from a variety of causes, including post-infectious autoimmunity (e.g. PANDAS) and other autoimmune processes, as well as a diverse array of disorders causing neuroimmune activation (Change et al., 2015). The incidence and prevalence of PANDAS/PANS are unknown. A conservative estimate of the prevalence of PANDAS/PANS in the United States is 1 in 200 children. In Virginia, a comprehensive system of care that fully meets the needs of families of individuals with a diagnosis of PANDAS/PANS is lacking. As a result, clinical providers may need additional education and training on how to diagnose and treat PANDAS/PANS. While a variety of treatment options are available to address the range of PANDAS/PANS symptoms and severity, the lack of health insurance coverage for treatment presents a barrier. Additionally, the absence of standardized use of current procedural terminology codes among providers when billing for insurance reimbursement for treatment of PANDAS/PANS symptoms can cause barriers to receiving care. There is a demonstrated general lack of awareness among Virginia's parents, educators and the public about PANDAS/PANS and available resources.

HISTORY OF THE PANDAS/PANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

During the 2017 Virginia General Assembly Session, Chapter 466 of the 2017 Acts of the General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia by adding §§32.1-73.9 through 32.1-73.11 to

establish the Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council. The Council is tasked with reporting annually by December 1 to the General Assembly on Council activities; practice guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS; mechanisms to increase awareness and education regarding PANDAS and PANS among physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers and providers of mental health services; outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness of PANDAS and PANS; and development of a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS to assist in the delivery of education and outreach.

The Council membership is comprised of fifteen members, including legislative representatives (four members from the House of Delegates and two members from the Senate), and one ex-officio member. The nine non-legislative members are citizens of the Commonwealth and include individual representatives from medical and healthcare specialty fields, as well as parents and advocates of children with PANDAS/PANS, specified in the Code. The Commissioner of Health or his/her designee serves as ex-officio without voting privileges. VDH provides staff support for the Council.

Council activities since 2017 can be summarized as follows:

- In 2017, Council meetings were initiated, and two meetings convened with the majority of members in attendance. The activities of the Council included the adoption of Council governance documents, education to the Council of PANDAS/PANS, and review of the first-year work plan for the Council. The Council established three subcommittees to further expand work on key focus areas. The three subcommittees include practice guidelines for diagnosis and treatment; mechanisms to increase clinical awareness; and outreach to educators and parents.
- In 2018, the Council convened joint subcommittee meetings to develop draft resources for various stakeholders. These resources included a PANDAS/PANS diagnosis and treatment algorithm for providers; parent education and guidance documents; and an informational resource document for school educators. The Council engaged external stakeholders to inform the work of the Council and obtained feedback on the following points related to PANDAS/PANS recommendations: diagnosis and treatment guidelines currently used; mechanisms for disseminating resources in practice/clinic settings; recommended tools and resources that will provide the greatest reach to increase awareness and education; evidence-based practices for educators and parent; and structuring a network of volunteer experts.
- In 2019, the Council finalized revisions to the draft resources including an evaluation and treatment algorithm for clinicians; an informational handout for parents; an informational handout for school systems; and a frequently asked questions resource. The Council discussed strategies to increase awareness and education of clinicians, parents, and educators. Barriers with insurance coverage was also discussed as a barrier to assessment and treatment about PANDAS/PANS. The Council convened a forum of experts for discussion of the proposed recommendation to establish a center of excellence in Virginia to treat PANDAS/PANS and autoimmune encephalopathy (AE). Example centers of

excellence models were reviewed, included a proposed hybrid model developed for the Children's Hospital at VCU. The Council agreed to include in the annual report to the General Assembly the recommendation to establish a center of excellence in Virginia. This center would conduct basic, clinical, and translational research for PANDAS/PANS and AE; provide assessment and treatment for patients, children and adults, with a diagnosis of PANDAS/PANS and AE; and establish a network of community providers to provide support and education for local delivery of care including the use of all available modalities such as telemedicine.

- In 2020, the Council reviewed final revisions to the four resource documents previously developed. The Council recommended that VDH disseminate a PANDAS/PANS diagnosis and treatment algorithm to physicians and clinicians throughout the state. The Council developed a draft evaluation and treatment algorithm to address the two primary focus areas including practice guidelines for diagnosis and treatment and mechanisms to increase clinical awareness. The Council provided recommendations on potential dissemination of the resources to providers, parents, and educators once finalized.
- In 2021, the Council discussed dissemination of the resources throughout the state and an educational webinar for providers. The BOI presented an overview of the insurance mandate process in Virginia. The Council drafted letters to accompany the dissemination of resources to the various stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth. Additional edits and resources were recommended to be added to the VDH PANDAS webpage. The webpage can be accessed at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/epidemiology-fact-sheets/pediatric-autoimmune-neuropsychiatric-disorders-associated-with-streptococcal-infections-pandas/>.

The last Council meeting was held in October 2021. The Council was awaiting appointment of the four legislative members from the House of Delegates by the Speaker of the House. New appointees were needed due to the 2021 election of members to the House of Delegates. While awaiting new appointees, no advisory council activities took place in calendar years 2022 and 2023. Pursuant to §32.1-73.11 and Chapter 391 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly, the Council, which was set to sunset July 1, 2022 and continued by the 2022 Appropriations Act, was continued to July 1, 2028. As of October 1, 2024, five legislative and seven gubernatorial members have been appointed to the Council ([Appendix C](#)).

Additional details on the Council's activities and accomplishments from 2017 to 2023 are outlined in previously published reports to the General Assembly and can be accessed on the Virginia Legislative Information System: <https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/search/?query=pandas+pans>.

2024 UPDATES ON IMPLEMENTATION

Over the past year, VDH staff have been preparing to reconvene the Council meetings and continue Council activities. Details for this work are as follows:

VDH increased staff capacity to support the Council.

VDH has realigned roles of current staff to provide support to the Council. The position that was previously responsible for executing the work associated with supporting this Council was vacant for a year. New staff has been assigned support the Council.

VDH staff conducted background research on the PANDAS/PANS Council and PANDAS/PANS. VDH plans to complete a more extensive review of historical and current PANDAS/PANS content before the Council reconvenes.

VDH staff have reviewed the previous work of the PANDAS/PANS Council. VDH staff will complete additional preparatory research related to PANDAS/PANS for the Council in advance of the Council meetings. This information will help the Council identify focus areas for their work, best practices, and needs of those impacted by PANDAS/PANS in the Commonwealth.

VDH staff participated in conversations with stakeholders about ongoing work surrounding PANDAS/PANS and began developing a plan for continued stakeholder outreach on this topic.

VDH staff engaged in conversations with BOI and JLARC about their current exploration of PANDAS/PANS insurance coverage. VDH staff plan to work with the Council to continue these conversations, as well as collaborate with sister agencies and support the Council in engaging with external stakeholders working on PANDAS/PANS. The goal of this coordinated outreach is to allow the Council to improve awareness and provide education on PANDAS/PANS.

VDH staff began planning for Council meetings and will reconvene the Council in November 2024.

VDH staff plan to reconvene the Council meetings in November 2024. As of October 1, 2024, five legislative and seven gubernatorial members have been appointed to the Council ([Appendix C](#)). VDH staff have engaged with the members and disseminated historical content to prepare for resuming Council activities. VDH staff is preparing content to provide a historical overview of the Council; facilitate a discussion of Council goals, objectives, and priorities; and propose a draft workplan for the Council activities.

NEXT STEPS

During the end of 2024 and moving into 2025, VDH staff plan to:

- Reconvene the Council in November 2024. The draft agenda for the meeting includes a historical overview of the Council; compliance updates to Council governance documents; roundtable introductions of Council members; appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair; discussion of Council goals, objectives, and priorities; and confirmation of a draft workplan for the Council with feasible timelines and goals.
- Continue reviewing content associated with PANDAS/PANS and the Council. VDH staff will conduct initial research on updates in treatment, current evidence-based practices, available resources, and the status of PANDAS/PANS coverage and legislation in other states, to help facilitate the Council’s conversations around these topics and help them identify areas for further research.
- Collaborate with internal VDH offices to gather the most recent data of PANDAS/PANS across Virginia to support data-informed updates for the Council.

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APPENDIX A – AUTHORIZING CHAPTERS

CHAPTER 466 OF THE 2017 ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 16, consisting of sections numbered [32.1-73.9](#), [32.1-73.10](#), and [32.1-73.11](#), as follows:

Article 16.

Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

§ [32.1-73.9](#). *Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome; membership.*

A. There is hereby created in the executive branch of state government the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (the Advisory Council), for the purpose of advising the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

B. The Advisory Council shall have a total membership of 15 members that shall consist of six legislative members, nine nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and the following nine nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor: one licensed health care provider who has expertise in treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism; one pediatrician who has experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one child psychiatrist who has experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one immunologist with experience in treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin; one medical researcher with experience conducting research concerning pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, tic disorder, and other neurological disorders; one representative of a professional organization for school nurses in the Commonwealth; one representative of an advocacy and support group for

individuals affected by pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one representative of an advocacy and support group for individuals affected by autism; and one parent of a child who has been diagnosed with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism. The Commissioner of Health or his designee shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. Nonlegislative members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and the ex officio member of the Advisory Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

C. Legislative members of the Advisory Council shall receive such compensation as provided in § [30-19.12](#). Nonlegislative members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

D. The Advisory Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually from among its legislative membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Advisory Council shall meet at such times as may be called by the chairman or a majority of the Advisory Council.

E. Staff to the Advisory Council shall be provided by the Department of Health. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Advisory Council, upon request.

§ [32.1-73.10](#). Advisory Council; report.

The Advisory Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, by December 1 of each year, on the Advisory Council's recommendations related to:

- 1. Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome;*
- 2. Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education regarding pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome among physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers, and providers of mental health services;*
- 3. Outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; and*
- 4. Development of a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome to assist in the delivery of education and outreach.*

[32.1-73.11](#). *Sunset.*

This article shall expire on July 1, 2020.

CHAPTER 391 OF THE 2024 ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § [32.1-73.11](#) of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ [32.1-73.11](#). (Continued pursuant to Acts 2022, Sp. Sess. I, c. 2, Item 299 D) Sunset.

This article shall expire on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2028.

APPENDIX B – ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AE - autoimmune encephalopathy

BOI - Bureau of Insurance

Council – Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council

JLARC – Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

PANDAS – pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections

PANS – pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome

VDH – Virginia Department of Health

APPENDIX C – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Legislative Council Members

Delegate Debra Gardner

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Irene Shin

Senator David Suetterlein

Delegate Kathy Tran

Non-Legislative Council Members

Ann Flippin, representative of an autism advocacy group

Brian Gottstein of Woodbridge, parent of a child with PANDAS/PANS

Dr. Galam Khan, medical researcher specializing in the field

Kristina Nunnally, representative of a PANDAS/PANS advocacy group

Dr. Aradhana Bela Sood, child psychiatrist with experience treating PANDAS/PANS

Dr. Susan Swedo, pediatrician treating PANDAS/PANS

Terry Woody, representative of school nurses' association

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