

ARKANSAS PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL TALKING POINTS

[Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS); Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS)]

- The Arkansas PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council held its initial meeting January 2, 2020.
- Currently 17 of the 18 Council positions filled.
- On recommendation of the UAMS Interdisciplinary Panel, Senator Kim Hammer and Representative Les Warren were elected as co-chairmen, and Senator Missy Irvin and Representative Joe Cloud were elected Council vice-chairs.
- [The Interdisciplinary Panel members are: Dr. Richard Smith, Dr. Aravindham Veerapandiyan (Dr. Panda), and Dr. Veronica Raney.]
- The Council plans to meet monthly. It is establishing 2 subcommittees to meet its duties set forth in Act 878 of 2019.
- An Arizona couple, Paul and Patricia Ryan, whose grandson had a PANS/PANDAS diagnosis, established the PACE Foundation, and are setting up specialized multi-disciplinary clinics around the country to have a standard of care, standard practice and protocol criteria to treat the disease. There are currently 4, and the UAMS/Arkansas Children's Hospital clinic would be #5, treating the southern region.
- The Advisory Council is planning to meet jointly with the Senate and House Public Health Welfare and Labor Committees when the Ryans will be in Arkansas. There will also be an open house for the clinic's formal opening, probably sometime in late February or early March, although the clinic has already seen some patients.

PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL—ACT 878 OF 2019

Name	Occupation	Designated/Appointed by
Sen. Kim Hammer Co-Chair	State Senator	Senate Pro Tem
Sen. Missy Irvin Vice- Chair	State Senator	Senate Pro Tem
Rep. Les Warren Co-Chair	State Representative	Speaker of the House
Rep. Joe Cloud Vice-Chair	State Representative	Speaker of the House
Natalie Bradford	Medical Professional	Governor
Pasley Butler	Public School Counselor	Governor
Ashley Collins	Public School Teacher	Governor
Kelea Duke	Public School Nurse	Governor
Deborah Rice	Parent	Governor
Cathy Puckett	Parent	Governor
Sue Tedford	Director, State Bd of Nursing	State Board of Nursing
Matt Brumley	Director, Saline Memorial Hospital Foundation	Med. Prof. by PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council
Dr. J. Gary Wheeler [Non-voting]	AR Dept. of Health Medical Doctor	Designee of Dept. of Health Secy. Smith
Chantel Allbritton [Non-voting]	Arkansas Ins. Dept. Insurance Program Mgr.	Ins. Commissioner Kerr's Designee
Dr. Gregory Sharp	Medical Doctor	AR Hospital Assn. Designee
John Vinson, Pharm.D.	Chief Operating Officer, AR Pharmacist's Assoc.	AR Pharmacist's Assoc.
		Amer. Academy of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology
Lanita White		AR Medical, Dental, & Pharm. Assn.
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