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ARKANSAS PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, May 23, 2022

10:30 AM

Room B, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Advisory Council members present: Senator Kim Hammer, Chair; Representative Les Warren, Vice Chair; Natalie Bradford, Ashley Collins, Dan Honey, Cathy Puckett, Deborah Rice, Sue Tedford, and Joel Tumblison

Other members present: Representatives Johnny Rye and Aaron Pilkington

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the January 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Natalie Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Warren, and the motion carried.

Update from the University of Arkansas for Medical Science (UAMS) Regarding Clinic Data [Presentation]

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, Sandra Bennett, Children's Post-Infectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) Nurse, UAMS, and Dr. Laura Dunn, Director, Psychiatric Research Institute, UAMS, presented information regarding the CPAE Clinic.

Update from UAMS Regarding Adult Referrals and Clinic Data

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, discussed referrals received from clinics in different areas of the state and the psychiatric and neurological evaluation process in regard to treatment.

Review of Proposed Modification to Collaborative Arrangements [Handout 1]

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, discussed working toward a Collaborative Physician Model similar to Arizona's Center of Excellence and the ability to expand access to care. The Guidelines for Accessing PANS/PANDAS Treatment in Arkansas (Handout 1) were discussed by the committee and revisions were proposed.

Update on the Medicaid Rule for Authorization of Off-Label Use of Drug Treatments to Treat Medicaid Beneficiaries Diagnosed with PANS/PANDAS [Handout 2]

Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs, Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), and Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS, gave a status update on the DHS Medicaid rule in response to Act 637 of 2021. The rule will become effective June 1, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.