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ARKANSAS PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, November 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Room B, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Advisory Council members present: Senator Kim Hammer, Chair; Representatives Les Warren, Vice Chair; Joe Cloud, Natalie Bradford, Matt Brumley, Kelea Duke, Dan Honey, Deborah Rice, Sue Tedford, and Joel Tumblison

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the August 11, 2021, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Representative Cloud made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Deborah Rice, and the motion carried.

Update from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Regarding Clinic Data and Patient Resources [Exhibit C]

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, and Ms. Sandra Bennett, Nurse Coordinator, UAMS, provided a presentation regarding the Children's Post-Infectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) program's current status and provided the committee with the updated UAMS CPAE clinic brochure.

Diagnosis and Treatment Outside of UAMS

Rhonda Sanders, PANS/PANDAS patient parent, described her son's initial pediatric diagnosis and continued adult treatment.

The committee heard additional testimony from Joel Williams and his son, Tyson, regarding his PANS/PANDAS diagnosis and treatment.

Discussion of Insurance Coverage for PANS/PANDAS Treatment per Acts 637 and 1054 of 2021 [Exhibits E1 and E2]

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS discussed Acts 637 and 1054 of 2021 regarding insurance coverage and payment to primary care physicians for off-label drug treatment use.

Discussion Regarding Subcommittees

Representative Warren discussed the subcommittees meeting with the committee as a whole in the future.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.