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ARKANSAS PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, December 13, 2021

10:00 AM

Room B, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Advisory Council members present: Senator Kim Hammer, Chair; Representatives Joe Cloud; Natalie Bradford, Matt Brumley, Dan Honey, Cathy Puckett, Deborah Rice, and Joel Tumblison

Other members present: Representatives Denise Ennett and Jack Ladyman

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the November 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Matt Brumley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Cloud, and the motion carried.

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

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, and Sandra Bennett, Nurse Coordinator, UAMS, presented information regarding the Children's Post-Infectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) program.

Discussion of Placement for Acute Situations

Jodiane Tritt, Executive Vice President, Arkansas Hospital Association, and Paul Ryan, Co-Founder and President, PACE Foundation, discussed available resources to patients experiencing acute episodes.

Discussion to Develop a Statewide Network of Collaborating Physicians Qualified to Participate in the Diagnosis of Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)/Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS)

Dan Honey, Compliance Counsel, Arkansas Insurance Department (AID), explained collaborative agreement criteria for reimbursement of PANS/PANDAS diagnosis and prescriptions.

Discussion of Proposed Rule for Authorization of Off-Label Use of Drug Treatments for Pediatric Acute Onset and Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Syndrome [Exhibits F1-F2]

Dan Honey, Compliance Counsel, AID, discussed a promulgated rule which authorizes off-label use of drug treatments for PANS and is effective January 1, 2022, as required by Act 1054 of 2021.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.