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ARKANSAS PANS/PANDAS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, January 10, 2022

10:00 AM

Room B, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

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

Other members present: Representative Harlan Breaux

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs, Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), gave an update on the DHS Medicaid rule in response to Act 637 of 2021, which is expected for legislative review in May and to be effective June 1, 2022.

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

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, and Sandra Bennett, Nurse Coordinator, UAMS, presented information regarding the Children's Post-Infectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) program. Dr. Veronica Raney, Co-Medical Director CPAE Clinic-Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH), Medical Director UAMS Child Study Center Clinic, ACH, Assistant Professor UAMS - Psychiatric Research Institute, discussed future trainings.

Discussion of Collaborative Physician Model and Arizona Grand Rounds

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, discussed working towards a Collaborative Physician Model similar to Arizona's through Grand Rounds with the state's network of pediatricians.

Discussion of developing a Statewide Crisis Network

Michael Keck, Institutional Relations Liaison, UAMS, explained plans to work with Crisis Intervention Centers statewide. Dr. Tumblison stated a UAMS brochure was distributed last month to Arkansas chapters of American Academy of Pediatrics and Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians.

Discussion of Arkansas PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council of Subcommittees

Representative Cloud made a motion to discontinue the council subcommittees and appoint Matt Brumley to lead a workgroup with the council members and UAMS staff during the upcoming Fiscal Session, seconded by Representative Warren, the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.