

Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council Committees

The Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council (PANS) is comprised of three committees that align with the PANS by-laws. Committees are considered ad hoc unless specifically referenced in the PANS by-laws. All committees must adhere to the PANS by-laws. In addition, committees formally identified in the PANS by-laws may choose to establish committee specific by-laws. Committees do not participate in legislative activities in the name of the PANS council or any other state agency. PANS members are required to participate on one or two committees. Each committee is comprised of at least two and no more than nine PANS members. These committees are comprised exclusively by PANS members, as appointed by the PANS Chair.

Each committee is headed by a Committee Chair, elected by a simple majority of its membership, who acts as a liaison to the PANS council. The Committee Chair is required to provide an update on the Committee's work at the regularly scheduled PANS meetings. Committees must keep minutes of all meetings.

Each committee will be assigned a State staff support person who will attend all committee meetings. Committee meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. The PANS council is not a "governmental body" as defined in the Open Meetings Act. Committees are not required to take public comments during their meetings.

Member expectations:

- Attend and participate in committee meetings
- Review agendas and other information sent prior to each meeting
- Participate in discussions at meetings
- Complete action items assigned
- Provide subject matter expertise
- Meet deadlines established

Diagnosis and Treatment Committee

The Diagnosis and Treatment Committee reviews and reports to the PANS council regarding appropriate practice guidelines for Texans with PANS, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections. Additionally, the committee develops a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of PANS to assist in the delivery of education and outreach and evaluates and makes recommendations to promote health, diagnosis, treatment, recovery, and living with a PANS.

The committee also reviews and participates in developing the annual legislative report that is submitted to the Governor, the Texas Legislature and the Health and Human Services Commission.

Current projects include: TBD

H.B. 2783 (86R) Legislative reference sections: (1) and (4)

Clinical Awareness Committee

The Clinical Awareness Committee reviews and reports to the PANS council on mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education regarding PANS, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, among physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers, and mental health care providers.

The committee also reviews and participates in developing the annual legislative report that is submitted to the Governor, the Texas Legislature and the Health and Human Services Commission.

Current projects include: TBD

H.B. 2783 (86R) Legislative reference section: (2)

Education and Outreach Committee

The Education and Outreach Committee identifies strategies for outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness of PANS, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections. In addition, the committee develops and disseminates information and materials about PANS to increase awareness and identifies gaps and opportunities to provide effective and timely information, education, and

training regarding prevention and resources to improve outcomes and help survivors and families.

The committee also reviews and participates in developing the annual legislative report that is submitted to the Governor, the Texas Legislature and the Health and Human Services Commission.

Current projects include: TBD

H.B. 2783 Legislative (86R) reference sections: (3) and (4.b)

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