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PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME ADVISORY COUNCIL

Council Overview



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- Enacted by [HB 2783](#) (86R)
 - Authored by legislative Council member, Representative Terry Wilson
- Established to advise HHSC and the legislature on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education of PANS/PANDAS

Council Overview



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- 19 members
 - 2 members of the Texas Senate
 - 2 members of the Texas House of Representatives
 - 15 members representing various fields in science, education, social work, advocacy, and a parent
- Members serve two-year terms and may be re-appointed to serve.

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- Chair and Vice-chair are elected from the legislative members
- Meetings times and location are determined by the Chair and council with no specific parameters on frequency

Council Tasks



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- Develop an annual report by September 1 of each year
- Report is submitted to the
 - Governor
 - Legislature
 - HHSC

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- Recommendations focus on:
 - Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment
 - Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education
 - Strategies for outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness
 - Developing a network of volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment

Statutes, Rules, and Bylaws



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Texas Health and Safety Code

- [Subtitle E, Title 2, Chapter 119A](#)

Texas Government Code

- [Chapter 551 – Open Meetings](#)
- [Chapter 2110 – Advisory Committees](#)

Statutes, Rules, and Bylaws



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Texas Administrative Code

- [Section 351.801 – Advisory Committees](#)

Bylaws will be discussed in next meeting, including:

- Member expectations
- Frequency of meetings
- Committees
- Protocols

PIA/OMA Trainings



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Public Information Act (PIA) Training

- [Texas Government Code Section 552.012](#) requires elected or appointed public officials to complete open records training.
- PIA training located at this [webpage](#).

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Training

- [Texas Government Code Section 551.005](#) requires elected or appointed officials who participate in meetings are subject to OMA.
- OMA training located at this [webpage](#).

Print and send certificates of completion to the PANS Council Liaison [email](#)

Upcoming Meetings



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Proposed meeting dates:

- February 26, 2021 9a-12p
 - May 21, 2021 9a-12p
 - July 16, 2021 9a-12p
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- Additional meetings may be added as needed by the Chair

Travel Reimbursement



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- Members are not subject to compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred in performing advisory council duties.

Websites



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Agency Website

<https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Meeting Postings – HHS Events

<https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events>

Archived Webcasts

<https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>

Council Liaison



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