

**Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS)
and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)
Communications Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Meeting Location

Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association
Jefferson Meeting Room
4200 Innslake Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Draft Meeting Minutes

Council Member Attendance
<i>Italicized = Absent</i>
Members
Brian Gottstein, Chair
Ann Flippin
<i>Senator Barbara Favola</i>
<i>Terry Woody</i>
<i>Senator David Suetterlein</i>

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Staff Attending: Marcus Allen, Jayla Dickens, Beatrice Lele, Jennifer Macdonald

Subcommittee Discussion

Due to limited attendance for both scheduled Education and Communications Subcommittee meetings, members collaborated for both meetings. The meeting focused on Education Subcommittee agenda first and later shifted to Communications Subcommittee agenda. Discussion focusing on the Communications subcommittee began at 12:10 PM within the joint meeting.

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Workplan Review – Action Item Updates

Dr. Walker-Harris emphasized the need to establish clear deadlines for all action items

The committee discussed the importance of promoting completed work, noting that once CME modules are available online, communications efforts will be utilized to increase visibility and engagement.

A follow-up with appropriate parties regarding the status of the PANDAS/PANS logo is planned for June 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.