

STATEWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) to DCF

The duties of the SAC members are:

1. To promote collaboration in regards to the Strategic Plan for youth, family and provider involvement
2. To gather information about “asks” identified by the DCF from RACS and other interested parties
3. To attend SAC meetings and present concerns and feedback about the DCF
4. To advocate for racial justice, child welfare and behavioral health for all children in CT

AGENDA: May 2, 2022

Meetings are from 9:30-12:00, 1st Monday of the month

1. 9:30 Introductions

2. 9:30-10:30 Regional Advisory Councils and Regional System Development

- a. RAC reports
- b. RAC and System Development: RAC SELF ASSESSMENT: CONSUMER DRIVEN Discussion
 - i. How have RACs consulted with youth and families – and what was the outcome?
 - ii. What are some other ways that RACs can consult with youth and families
 - iii. How has a youth or family’s story helped promote system change?
 - iv. Are there concerns/topics expressed by youth and families that we should add to a SAC agenda?

3. Minutes

4. Membership

- a. PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:
 - i. Will be recommended for appointment from Governor: Whitney Rodriguez- need to submit her application, it has been notarized
 - ii. Need to confirm term: Regina Moller, Damian Grasso
- b. VACANCIES:
 - i. CT Licensed Healthcare provider
 - ii. Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES

5. SAC Member Advisement

- a. Logo for SAC and RACs to use on printed material

6. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Ken

7. SAC Budget Balance: \$13,846.26 - \$200 (April)= \$13, 646.26

Anticipated Expenses for June 29, 2022 SAC Retreat: \$10,207.50

- \$2,987.50 Jerry Milner Fees (estimated) Airfare, hotel, travel, transportation, speaker fees
- \$2000.00 Stipends 6 RACS x 6 people = 36 + 4 SAC or statewide guests= 40 x \$50= \$2000
- \$5220.00 \$29 pp x \$150 people = \$4350 + \$870 tip= \$5220.00

Legislation Committee Chair- SAC needs to vote on how to recognize the co-chairs

8. DCF Report-

- a. Racial Justice (approx. 11:30-12:00)

b. DCF requested topics/updates

- Family First (approx. 10:30-11:00)
- QA/QI (approx. 11:00-11:30)- The DCF Bureau of Strategic Planning is partnering with Casey Family Programs regarding Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement efforts post the Juan F. Consent Decree.

c. Assess need for closed session

9. Retreat Planning

a. Chris Scott, Sarah Lockery, Jerry Milner

What:

- The SAC retreat will focus on the implementation of Family First in CT

Why:

- To continue the inclusive process (DCF, youth, families, providers, State agencies) experienced during the development phase of the plan into the implementation phase of the plan
- To build partnership and trust
- To identify realistic goals and objectives for the next year

When:

- June 29, 2022

Where:

- Cascade, banquet hall, Hamden CT

Who:

- SAC members
- RAC members
- DCF Central Office staff
- Youth
- Guests who are positioned to make change

Agenda: (TENTATIVE)

- 8:45-9:30 Registration, networking, breakfast
- 9:30 SAC Welcome
- 9:35-10:30 DCF presentation: Overview of the CT Family First Plan
- 10:30-11:30 Jerry's description of the ideal Family First
- 11:30- 11:45 BREAK
- 11:45- 12:45 Small group discussions amongst RACs and Statewide officials about how each measures-up to the ideal. Resist talking about what to do next- stay focused on assessing.
- 12:45- 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30-3:30 Jerry facilitation-
 - Groups report their assessments
 - Large group discussion: Based on the assessments- what are some realistic goals for the next 12 months
 - How will CT work on these goals- who will do what?
 - How will we hold ourselves accountable?
- 3:30-4:00 Closing
 - Fun activity
 - Thank you for coming

10. June 6, 2022 meeting: agenda items