

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: Aug 2, 2021

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

1. **9:30 Introductions**
2. **9:40 Minutes**
3. **9:45 Membership**
 - a. PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:
 - Recommended for appointment from Governor: Christopher Scott, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton, Elisabeth Cannata, Amani Sehloui
 - b. VACANCIES:
 - Child Psychiatrist, (CT Licensed Healthcare provider)
 - Attorney
 - Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES
4. **9:50-10:15 SAC Member Advisement**
 - a. RAC reports
 - b. SAC member reports
 - c. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs
5. **SAC Budget Balance: \$15, 746.26**
6. **Proposed Agenda – see next page**
7. **DCF Report-**
 - a. **Legislative Update- Vinny Russo**
 - b. **Legalization of marijuana and child-welfare**
 - c. **Racial Justice**
 - Each DCF department is identifying Change Initiatives that need to happen to move the DCF towards better outcomes with regards to racial justice
 - d. **Discussion of any items as required by statute- PLEASE NOTE OUR FOCUS IN SEPT 2021 is**
 - Recommend to the commissioner programs, legislation or other matters which will improve services for children and youths, including behavioral health services
 - Annually review and advise the commissioner regarding the proposed budget
 - e. **Assess need for closed session**
8. **Retreat Planning**
 - a. Chris Scott, Jerry Milner
9. **New Assignments**

PROPOSED AGENDA EFFECTIVE

1. 9:30 Introductions
2. 9:30-10:30 RAC FOCUS
 - a. RAC reports
 - b. RAC Development
3. 10:30 Introductions- if needed
4. Minutes
5. Membership
6. SAC Member Advisement
7. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs
8. SAC Budget Balance: \$15, 746.26
9. Approx 10:45 DCF Report-
 - a. Racial Justice
 - b. Family First
 - c. Discussion of any items as required by statute
 - d. Assess need for closed session
10. Retreat Planning
11. New Assignments