

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: Sept 13, 2021

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

- i. **September**- What is an ideal RAC? How can a RAC make a difference? What are characteristics of a RAC that functions well? (Sarah will create a RAC assessment tool based on the discussion). All SAC members can contribute to the discussion by identifying the characteristics of committees and systems that function well.
- ii. **October**- Review of RAC assessment tool and revise as desired. RACs and System PDs will then use this tool during the month of October and assess their own RAC. Once completed each RAC will have a list of its strengths
- iii. **November**- RACS will share their strengths with each other

3. Minutes

4. Membership

a. PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:

- i. Recommended for appointment from Governor: Christopher Scott, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton, Elisabeth Cannata

b. VACANCIES:

- i. CT Licensed Healthcare provider
- ii. Attorney
- iii. Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES

5. SAC Member Advisement

6. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs

7. SAC Budget Balance:

8. DCF Report-

a. Racial Justice

b. Discussion of any items as required by statute

- **Ongoing:** Interpret to the community at large the policies, duties and programs of the department
 - Right To Know Brochure

- **January-** Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families (**submit annual report to Governor, DCF Commissioner, Children's Committee**)
- **April/ May** Strategic Plan, Child & Family Services Plan (CFSR) and APSR
- **September-**
 - 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
- **November-** Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families (**begin draft of our annual report**)
- **December-** Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families (**review and revise annual report**)

c. **Assess need for closed session**

9. Retreat Planning

- a. Chris Scott, Jerry Milner

10. New Assignments