

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: April 4, 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

3. CONSUMER DRIVEN	1	2	3	4	5
4. 1= no 2=rarely 3=sometimes 4=most often 5= yes					
The RAC is informed by youth					
The RAC is informed by families (both women and men family caregivers= 5)					
RAC meetings are attended by families who reside in the region					
The RAC utilizes its CRP funding to support family participation					
The RAC utilizes its CRP funding to support youth participation					
The RAC’s focus is determined by concerns expressed by families and/or youth					

5. Minutes

6. Membership

a. PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:

- i. Recommended for appointment from Governor: none pending
- ii. Will be recommended for appointment from Governor: Whitney Rodriguez
- iii. Received confirmation of their appointments since last meeting:
- iv. 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

7. SAC Member Advisement

8. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Ken

9. SAC Budget Balance: \$13,946.26 - \$100 (March)= \$13,846.26

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

10. DCF Report-

a. Racial Justice

b. Discussion of any items as required by statute- please note the following upcoming topic:

- **Ongoing:** Interpret to the community at large the policies, duties and programs of the department
- **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**)
- **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:** 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

c. DCF requested topics/updates

d. Assess need for closed session

11. 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

12. New Assignments