

**Report to the SAC from Patricia M. Lorenson,
SAC Co-Chair, 10/6/14 Re: Legislative responsibilities outlined for the SAC**

SAC Duties as of Sec. 17a.- 49(c)

1. Recommend to the commissioner programs, legislation or other matter which will improved services for children and youths, including behavioral health services;
2. Annually review and advise the commissioner regarding the proposed budget;
- 3..Interpret to the community at large the policies, duties and programs of the department;
4. Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families;
5. Assist in the development of and review and comment on the strategic plan developed by the department pursuant to subsection 9b0 of section 17a-3;
6. Receive on a quarterly basis from the commissioner a status report on the department's progress in carrying out the strategic plan;
7. Independently monitor the department's progress in achieving its goals as expressed in achieving its goals as expressed in the strategic plan; and
8. Offer assistance and provide and outside perspective to the department so that it may be able to achieve the goals expressed in the strategic plan.

As of Sec. 17a-3 (1)

DCF with the assistance of the SAC - shall develop and update the strategic plan.

As of 17a-4a Behavioral Health Advisory Council -

- (e) - Not later than October first of each year, the advisory committee shall submit a status report on local systems of care and practice standards for state-funded behavioral health programs to the Commissioner of Children and Families and the State Advisory Council on Children and Families.
- (f) Not later than October first of each odd-numbered year, the advisory committee shall submit recommendation concerning the provision of behavioral health services for all children in the state to the Commissioner of Children and Families and the State Advisory Council on Children and Families. The recommendation shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following: (1) The target population for children with behavioral health needs, and assessment and benefit options for children with such needs; (2) the appropriateness and quality of care for children with behavioral health needs; (3) the coordination of behavioral heath services provided under the HUSKY

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Plan with services provided by other publicly funded programs; (4) performance standards for preventive services, family supports and emergency service training programs; (5) assessments of community-based and residential care programs; (6) outcome measurements by reviewing provider practice; and (7) a medication protocol and standards for the monitoring of medication and after-care programs.

As of 17a - 6 - Powers and Duties of the Commissioner -

(m) Submit to the state advisory council for its comment proposal for new policies or programs and the proposed budget for the department;

As of 17a - 9 - Appointment of deputy commissioners, directors and administrative heads -

- (a) The commissioner shall appoint, after consultation with the state advisory council, and may remove in a like manner, two deputy commissioners who shall be in the unclassified service.
- (b) The commissioner shall appoint, after consultation with the state advisory council, and may remove in like manner , not more than two program directors ...
- (c) The commissioner shall, in accordance with chapter 67 and after consultation with the state advisory council, shall appoint the administrative heads of all of the institutions and facilities
- (d) The commissioner shall, after consultation with the state advisory council, appoint and may remove in a like manner, up to six regional directors who shall be in the unclassified service ...

As of Sec. 17a - 32a - Children's facilities' annual report to the State Advisory Council on Children and Families and advisory groups. (a)

Regional Advisory Councils

As of 17a - 30 - Regional Advisory Councils role - to advise the commissioner and the regional director on the development and delivery . . . & to facilitate the coordination of services . . .

As of 17a - 22b- (c) Community Collaboratives role - develop local needs assessment . . . A community collaborative shall participate in the regional advisory councils . . .