

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)
November 8th, 2016 RETREAT
Synergy **A**chieved through **C**oordination

6 WORDS DESCRIBING YOUR VISION

Connected, supported, healthy, hopeful and future director

Having a future filled with resources.

Ready to take on the world

Prepared for Success

Permanent connections, goals, ambitions and resources

Safe, healthy, Happy, Access, Strong and loved

Youth are connected to supported caring adults

Supported, hopeful to make a difference

Smooth, seamless, successful, connected, fulfilled and happy

Prepared to take on the world

Healthy, affirmed with functional outsources

Embedded in communities and rooted in families

Helping develop relationships that last forever

Successful, connected, informed, happy, hate and loved?

Dynamic, empowered, critical thinking, enable individuals

Self-sufficient, productive, healthy hopeful

Safe, secure, knowledgeable, independence, ambitious and resilience

Elect interdependent living over independent living

Eliminated silos, interagency collaboration and system

Everyone wins when young people thrive

Respect, listen to youth and complete partnership

Curious, supported, healthy connection

Connected, aspirational, educated, supported, proud, better, fully employed

Opportunities for a safe successful future

Sure, strong, value connection, happy healthy

Launching all children like we launch our own

Early prep, hopeful connected, inspirational, future mentor

Each youth will exit system with hope & dreams for future

Linkages, connectedness, communication, collaboration, coordination

Connected supported, engaged, healthy, consistency and follow-up

Encouraging dreams of limitless opportunity

It's all about happy, successful kids

Prepared, happy, ready, reducing silos, partnership

Wellness, employment & financial wellness

A system that responds to family needs

With you all loving us it helps us love ourselves!

Relationships matter!

Family & Strength!

Regional Administrators Reflections Panel

REGION 1

1. Used to be a formal provider meeting
2. Last 2 years became family centered/friendly
3. Family Driven
4. Need focus to increase youth participation
5. Internship
6. Going to YAB monthly

REGION 2

1. Shout out for RA Michael Steers – Supportive System of Care.
2. RAC fitting in to the S of C “System Merger” (see grid of current systems)
 - a Less meetings.
 - b More representation.
 - c Electronic system to send announcements throughout Region and to every Stakeholder.
3. Workgroups:
 - a YAB
 - b Foster Family Recruitment
 - c Now joining the workgroup, Racial Justice Focus.
4. Family Champion have joined the network.
5. Juvenile Justice Reform
6. Increase youth participation
7. Create Brochures
8. Care Giver Advisory
9. Also presentations to help guide/inform
 - a Closing CJTS
 - b Social Impact Bonds
 - c Network of care work

CONCEPT FOR THE DAY: “TEAMWORK” - MAKES THE DREAMWORK

REGION 3

1. RAC STRUCTURE
 - a RAC needs to be Advisory process not a meeting.
2. 2 Semi-Annual RAC/FAB meetings.
 - a Invite others (* list advisory council)
3. Keep each other informed.
4. Fight the fight of getting voices heard.
5. Find ways to collaborate with other tables.
6. How can SAC function better?
 - a State purpose needed/more from SAC – questions/charge
7. What we want SAC to know?
 - a Does SAC care?
 - b Help to get together and inform ideas
8. MENTORSHIP

REGION 4

1. Strong family voice advocacy help register RAC to better engage families (e.g. not just emails).
2. CQI Teams - looking at performance expectations that we strategize all year long.
 - a. Family members of RAC joining those discussions to help.
 - b. To help think differently about how to reach goal.
3. Exiting from Juan F.
 - a. Ensuring that children are residing safely with families.
 - b. Achieving racial justice across our system.
4. Preparing children in adolescent in our care for success.
5. Development & success out of the work force.
6. Transparency from DCF about "How we're doing" – challenges & success.
 - a. Celebrate our Successes.
7. Partnering with CONNECT & NC System of Care.
8. Making connections for upcoming year.
9. Get Youth voice at our RAC!
 - a. (Listening to suggestions from other RACS that has worked).

MEASURABLE GOAL:

Next year Retreat we will have at not one, not two but several youth present.

REGION 5

1. Involve the YAB
2. Looking for Youth Co-Chair
3. Interested in JJ population and racial justice
 - a. How measure of successful develop measures.
4. Focus groups of JJ kids
5. Empowerment & Leadership (Youth and Community)

REGION 6

1. Information and Data Sharing
 - a. Presentations.
 - b. Shared resources
2. Resource issues
 - a. Families that participate and the reasons why they come.
3. Increase parenting with voice
 - a. Added youth as a tri-chair
 - b. Increase and improve access to resources.
4. Increasing parenting with voice.
 - a. Fathers
 - b. Transitioning youths.
 - c. Stay focused on Transunion adolescents and youth.
5. Combine Meetings
 - a. Network of care with ISS Executive.
6. Partnered with DMHAS Young Adult Services in the Region.
7. Stay focus on the adolescent transitions work
8. IDEAS:

- a Retreat to help identify priorities
- b Connect RAC/YAB in some way
- c Team night events.
- d Better connecting.
- e Get Parents Involved.
- f Learn for the Youth Boards & from Foster Car Alumni Assoc.
- g Using Social Media to Connect youth to resources
- h Improve mental health assessment before they age out.
- i Pilot CSF/PEER Mentor program for youth aging.

DCF LEADERSHIP TEAM

- To write OP Ed about Bill of Rights and transition out of care.
- Shine light on collaborations to empower youth and staff to positive energy
- Grants – keep feedback coming, implementation of substance abuse services for transition of youth

SAC REFLECTION

1. Better Participation
2. Better Communication

SAC RETREAT NOTES TO DO

Recognizing that the clear state of goals will increase meaningful participation

- Build it and they will come
- Share questions posed to 2nd panel
- Consider how to improve caregiver skills to teach life skills to their children
- Set-up Family Advisory Board
- Set-up Caregiver Advisory Board to be assessed through level of participation
- Develop Brochure for interesting families
- Develop youth participation in Network
- Get the permanency resources to support youth participation