

State Advisory Council Notes

Monday, December 3rd, 2018

Members in attendance: Elisabeth Cannata, Regina Moller, Sarah Lockery, Myke Halpin, Deb Kelleher, Suprena Shuler,

Also in Attendance: Susan Smith & Ray Mancuso

Welcome & Introductions

Sarah Lockery

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Notes from the November 5th meeting were approved.

Strategic Plan

Ray Mancuso

Six Outcome Measures required to be done:

1. Commencement of Investigations
2. Completion of Investigations
3. Case Planning
4. Needs met
5. Visitations
6. Caseloads

DCF Data is broken down by Region

Once children and families end care with DCF, the goal is for them to sustain care once they exit

Data Areas + Opportunities for Improvement

- Timely Access to Behavior Health Services
- Ensuring Needs Met
- Case Management
- Service Coordination
- Availability of contracted DCF services and other needed services
- Staff knowledge about available services
- Commitment to service coordinators
- Getting underneath what families need and matching to best available
- Access the families to find out what are the needs

Court Monitor's Office

Court Monitor staff meets with staff in DCF Offices and gets a feel of what's going on

The Court Monitor meets with the Child Advocate once a month

Next Steps

Invite Elizabeth Duryea to speak about Enhanced Service Coordination (ESC) and Active Contract Management (ACM)

Move SAC meetings to Court Monitor's Office

SAC Business

Plan for April retreat with the RACs

Sarah L. will draft a SAC overview letter to get it out by end of month

Need to think about how other bodies intercept with SAC (e.g., Behavioral Health Oversight Committee)

SAC to adhere to a monthly calendar of activities

SAC or RAC member(s) will attend the quarterly statewide Youth Advisory Board Meetings

RAC Updates

Region 1

- Reviewed Minutes: All attendees reviewed and motioned it.
- Update on Youth Advisory Board selection of Tri-Chair: Mark Brown
- Presentation by Michele Stewart-Copes, SEET (System for Education Equity and Transition) consultants. Their agency is looking to be a RAC participant
- SAC Update: A follow up discussion about the SAC Retreat/Racial Justice Summit: Everyone that participated stated they loved it.
 - Some feedback: possibly have groups with specific questions for guest speaker, doing a follow up conference, including a therapist to process some of the concerns and emotions that come up with racial justice conversations.
- Subcommittee Updates:
 - Community Event Planning Committee
 - Scholarship Subcommittee
 - Budget Subcommittee

All committees are working on meeting to finalize their tasks. There should be a more formalized update at our next meeting in January.

- Community Update:
 - Connection Day in May at Youth Summit

Region 2

- Anderson Curtis will co-chair the RAC with Sarah
- The RAC chairs and DCF leadership of Region 2 will be meeting in early January to review the SAC agenda items so that the agenda items for the RAC meetings will connect to the SAC
- CRP funding request for the 2018/2019 CRP was submitted to FAVOR- the Region 2 CRP will focus on racial justice

Region 3

- Planning Retreat – bring to RAC committee
 - Homelessness
 - Couch surfing
 - Depression

Region 4 No representation

Region 5

- Revamping RAC
- CRP – Subcommittee from new RAC
- Updating the Bi-Laws

Region 6

- Focus on opioid impact and the Increasing number of young children in care
- New transition Tri-chair
- CRP funds not yet requested

Next meeting January 7th, 2019

Amended minutes approved 1/7/19