

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: December 7, 2020

Meetings are from 9:30-12:00, 1st Monday of the month

1. Introductions

2. Minutes

3. Membership

- a. Introduction of any new people
- b. Progress of membership outreach assignments
 - SAC application complete: Christopher Scott, Roseann Champlin, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery
 - SAC narrative needed: Amani Sehloui
 - SAC narrative and application needed: Elisabeth Cannata, Stephen Singley, Stephanie Cotton
 - VACANCY: Child Psychiatrist, CT Licensed (Healthcare provider), Attorney

4. SAC Member Advisement

- a. **Follow up re: Assignments**
 - **Family First-Planning Phase:** To position each RAC and SAC to advise the Department towards the development of the Family First plan, each RAC is expected to have at least 1 representative on each of the Family First committees. Commitments vary for each committee- commitment needed until mid-March 2021
- b. **RAC reports** (please include date of mtg, topics discussed, date of next mtg and any upcoming events)
- c. **SAC member reports**
- d. **Guest Reports-** are SAC members interested in presentation from FAVOR? (how can FAVOR help RAC’s engage family members?)

5. SAC Budget Report

- a. **Balance: Oct 5, 2020** \$12,701.26
- b. **Income since last meeting**
- c. **Expense since last meeting:** Five \$50 gift cards for Nov stipends (4) \$200, Oct (1- owed) \$50
- d. **Current Balance: \$12,451.26**
- e. **CRP requests, Fall 2020: \$5145** submit invoice to Beresford Wilson at FAVOR and copy Mary Cummins, DCF and Dorothy Cimmino dcimmino@favor-ct.org

6. FAVOR – Beresford Wilson

- a. Overview
- b. Strategies to identify family members who may be interested in joining RACs
- c. Strategies to engage family members with RACs

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7. DCF Report-

a. Assess need for closed session

b. Discussion of any items as required by statute

- **Ongoing:** Interpret to the community at large the policies, duties and programs of the department
 - Adoption Day
 - QPI –Quality Parenting Initiative
- **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
- **November-** Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families (**begin draft of our annual report**)

c. Racial Justice

- Each DCF department is identifying Change Initiatives that need to happen to move the DCF towards better outcomes with regards to racial justice.
 - Any change initiatives to review?

d. Family First (FFPSA) and ask of SAC

- **GOAL: to establish RACs as an advisory body to the development, implementation and evaluation of the Family First Plan**
 - **PLAN DEVELOPMENT STAGE**
 - To position each RAC and SAC to advise the Department towards the development of the Family First plan, each RAC is expected to have at least 1 representative on each of the Family First committees.
 - **IMPLEMENTATION STAGE**
 - To be decided
 - **EVALUATION- throughout**
 - To be decided

e. 7 Key Results and ask of SAC

f. Other:

- Check-in with SAC members- how are YOU in these COVID times?
- SAC lunch

8. Retreat Planning- 2020 CANCELLED due to Covid-19

9. New Assignments

