

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: October 5, 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
 - SAC narrative needed: Amani Sehloui, Sam Rivera
 - SAC narrative and application needed: Elisabeth Cannata, Stephen Singley, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton
 - VACANCY: Child Psychiatrist, CT Licensed
- c. Status of application process for appointed members
 - Waiting for approval of form for candidates to complete to be considered for appointments from the governor

4. SAC Member Advisement

- a. **Follow up re: Assignments**
 - Suggestions to DCF regarding 10% budget cut
 - Feedback about Racial Justice Indicators that were shared in the Sept SAC meeting by the DCF Bureau of External Affairs and the Systems Division
- b. **RAC reports**
- c. **SAC member reports**
 - **Damion**- Survey
 - **Myke**- Dad’s Matter Too Conference
 - **Elisabeth**- Children’s Behavioral Health Committee

5. SAC Budget Report

- a. **Balance: Sept 14, 2020** \$13,151.26
- b. **Income since Sept 14, 2020** _____
- c. **Expensed since Sept 14 2020:** Five \$50 gift cards for September stipends \$250, other?
- d. **Current Balance:** \$12,901.26
- 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. 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
 - DCF newsletter and communication
 - Outcome Measure: Investigation
- **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. 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?
- Discussion: What are the SAC's thoughts about identifying change initiatives re: racial justice for the SAC

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.
 - The representatives will attend the committee meetings and be the liaisons to their RAC- sharing information and gathering feedback from the RAC, to then share at the Family First Committee meetings
 - Commitments vary for each committee- commitment needed until mid-March 2021
 - Discussion- brainstorm solutions and approaches so RACs can succeed in creating the above structure
 - **IMPLEMENTATION STAGE**
 - To be decided
 - **EVALUATION- throughout**
 - To be decided

e. 7 Key Results and ask of SAC

f. Other:

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

8. New Assignments

