

## 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: April 5, 2021

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

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Minutes

### 3. Membership

- a. Introduction of any new people
- b. Progress of membership outreach assignments
  - PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:
    - Recommended for appointment from Governor: Christopher Scott, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton, Elisabeth Cannata, Amani Sehloui, Ann Smith
  - VACANCIES:
    - Child Psychiatrist, (CT Licensed Healthcare provider)- VACANT
    - Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES
    - Diversity of SAC membership

### 4. SAC Member Advisement

- a. **RAC reports** (please include date of mtg, topics discussed, date of next mtg and any upcoming events)
  - Updates re: Family First-Planning Phase- commitment needed until mid-March 2021
- b. **SAC member reports**
- c. **SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs**

### 5. SAC Budget Report

- a. **Income since last meeting:**
- b. **Expense since last meeting:** \$250 March and \$200 February stipends
- c. **Balance:** \$16,596.26

### 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
  - **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**)
- **December**- Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families (**review and revise 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.

**d. Family First (FFPSA) and ask of SAC**

**e. 7 Key Results and ask of SAC**

- Right to Know Brochure, Ken Mysogland

**f. Other:**

- Quality Parenting Initiative- (QPI): Natalie Liriano

**7. Retreat Planning**

- a. Chris Scott, Jerry Milner

**8. New Assignments**