

## 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 6, 2021

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

1. **9:30 Introductions**
2. **Greetings from DCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes**
3. **9:30-10:30 Regional Advisory Councils and Regional System Development**
  - a. **RAC reports**
  - b. **RAC and System Development**
    1. **December**
    2. **January** – Structure section of assessment tool
4. **Minutes**
5. **Membership**
  - a. **PENDING SAC APPOINTMENTS:**
    - i. Recommended for appointment from Governor: none pending
    - ii. Will be recommended for appointment from Governor: Whitney Rodriguez
    - iii. Received confirmation of their appointments since last meeting: Rachael Levine
    - iv. Need to confirm term: Regina Moller, Damian Grasso
  - b. **VACANCIES:**
    - i. CT Licensed Healthcare provider
    - ii. Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES
6. **SAC Member Advisement**
7. **SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi**
8. **SAC Budget Balance: \$15,096.26**

Anticipated Expenses for June 29, 2022 SAC Retreat: \$10,207.50

  - \$2,987.50 Jerry Milner Fees (estimated) Airfare, hotel, travel, transportation, speaker fees
  - \$2000.00 Stipends 6 RACS x 6 people = 36 + 4 SAC or statewide guests= 40 x \$50= \$2000
  - \$5220.00 \$29 pp x \$150 people = \$4350 + \$870 tip= \$5220.00

Legislation Committee Chair- SAC needs to vote on how to recognize the co-chairs
9. **Fatherhood**
10. **DCF Report-**
  - a. **Racial Justice**

**b. Discussion of any items as required by statute- please note the following upcoming topic**

- **December-** Issue any reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and Families – **what do SAC members what included in the 2021 SAC Annual Report?**

**c. DCF requested topics/updates**

- **Family First, Dr. Sharon Davis**

**d. Assess need for closed session**

**11. Retreat Planning**

- a. Chris Scott, Sarah Lockery, Jerry Milner

What:

- The SAC retreat will focus on the implementation of Family First in CT

Why:

- To continue the inclusive process (DCF, youth, families, providers, State agencies) experienced during the development phase of the plan into the implementation phase of the plan
- To build partnership and trust
- To identify realistic goals and objectives for the next year

When:

- June 29, 2022

Where:

- Cascade, banquet hall, Hamden CT

Who:

- SAC members
- RAC members
- DCF Central Office staff
- Youth
- Guests who are positioned to make change

Agenda: (TENTATIVE)

- 8:45-9:30 Registration, networking, breakfast
- 9:30 SAC Welcome
- 9:35-10:30 DCF presentation: Overview of the CT Family First Plan
- 10:30-11:30 Jerry's description of the ideal Family First
- 11:30- 11:45 BREAK
- 11:45- 12:45 Small group discussions amongst RACs and Statewide officials about how each measures-up to the ideal. Resist talking about what to do next- stay focused on assessing.
- 12:45- 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30-3:30 Jerry facilitation-
  - Groups report their assessments
  - Large group discussion: Based on the assessments- what are some realistic goals for the next 12 months
  - How will CT work on these goals- who will do what?
  - How will we hold ourselves accountable?
- 3:30-4:00 Closing
  - Fun activity
  - Thank you for coming

## 12. New Assignments