

## 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: February 1, 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
  - SAC application complete: Christopher Scott, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton
  - SAC narrative needed: Amani Sehloui
  - SAC narrative and application needed: Elisabeth Cannata, Stephen Singley
  - VACANCIES:
    - Child Psychiatrist, (CT Licensed Healthcare provider)
    - Attorney
    - Adult caregiver of youth involved with DCF

### 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: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs**

### 5. SAC Budget Report

- a. **Balance:** \$12,451.26
- b. **Income since last meeting:** Regina- has the \$5145 been requested from FAVOR?
- c. **Expense since last meeting:** December and January stipends, not deducted from above balance

### 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**

- Strategies on how we can hear input from those who have been involved with child welfare system
- 10:30 Chapin Hall Representatives

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

- Right to Know Brochure, Ken Mysogland

**f. Other:**

**7. Retreat Planning**

- a. Chris Scott, Jerry Milner?

**8. New Assignments**