

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: January 4, 2021

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. **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
 - No other assignments from prior SAC meetings
- b. **SAC member reports**
- c. **Guest Reports**

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 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.
- Jeff Gold- DCF Leadership Academy for Middle Managers
Change Initiative Goal- Increase engagement of fathers when case planning

d. Family First (FFPSA) and ask of SAC

e. 7 Key Results and ask of SAC

- Right to Know Brochure, Ken Mysogland
- Advocacy and the Legislative Process, Vinny Russo

f. Other:

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

8. New Assignments