

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: July 12, 2021

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

1. **9:30 Introductions**
2. **9:40 Minutes**
3. **9:45 Membership**
 - a. 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
 - b. VACANCIES:
 - Child Psychiatrist, (CT Licensed Healthcare provider)
 - Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- TWO VACANCIES
4. **9:50-10:15 SAC Member Advisement**
 - a. RAC reports
 - b. SAC member reports
 - c. SAC Legislation Committee Report: Sammi and Amani, Co-Chairs
5. **SAC Budget Balance: \$16,596.26 - \$250 (April) = \$16,346.26 - \$200 (May) \$16, 146.26**
6. **DCF Report-**
 - a. Assess need for closed session
 - b. Legislative Session Update- Vinny Russo
 - c. Comments about: (please review email sent by Ken about the following)
 - Children’s Behavioral Health Summit
 - Strategic Plan
 - d. 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
 - e. **Family First (FFPSA) and ask of SAC- Anticipate 10:30 start time, please invite all who are interested!**
 - **Feedback Session**
 - f. **7 Key Results and ask of SAC**
 - Right to Know Brochure, Ken Mysogland
 - g. 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/ May** 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)**

h. Other:

7. Retreat Planning

- a. Chris Scott, Jerry Milner

8. New Assignments