

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: March 1, 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, Samaris Rose-Smith, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Stephanie Cotton, Elisabeth Cannata
 - SAC narrative needed: Amani Sehloui
 - SAC narrative and application needed:
 - VACANCIES:
 - Child Psychiatrist, (CT Licensed Healthcare provider)- VACANT
 - Attorney: a candidate is considering
 - Adult caregiver of youth involved with services (behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice)- Two vacancies, recommend we involve a father/grandfather to gain male perspective

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**
 - Feb 23- testimony re: Fatherhood
 - March 3- testimony re: DCF Budget

5. SAC Budget Report

- a. **Balance:** \$11,901.26
- b. **Income since last meeting:** \$5145 requested from FAVOR
- c. **Expense since last meeting:** February stipends (\$200), 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

- **11:00-12:00 Updates and Q and A**

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