

Minutes
Public Service and Trust Commission
Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency

The Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Room 204 on March 15, 2013.

Those in attendance were:

The Hon. Richard Robinson, Chair; Paul Bourdoulous, Troy Brown, Karen Chorney, Linda Cimino, Esther Harris, Precious Hyland, Cristina Johnson, Stephen Ment, Daisy Ortiz, Philip Strambler, Ewa Wojewodzki, Shawna Woodard, Alison Zawadski

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by the Hon. Richard Robinson, Chair.

1. Welcome.
2. The minutes from the meeting on November 16, 2012 were unanimously approved.
3. The entire committee expressed its appreciation of the Foundations in Cultural Competency Course facilitators, Troy Brown and Daisy Ortiz. The committee praised both the design and the presentation of the course.
4. Troy Brown asked for feedback from the members of the committee who had attended the two day Foundations in Cultural Competency course. The discussion was wide ranging, covering almost all aspects of the course, including the Ice Breaker exercise, videos, audiences, and delivery systems.
5. The committee discussed whether the course could be presented effectively and productively in a session limited to one day. The difficulty in so doing was clearly reflected in the comments. Options for training, including a mix of video-based and onsite training were explored. The discussion was not concluded in the time available.
6. The next meeting of the committee will include further discussion of the one day or two day session, as well as the creation of recommendations for cultural competency training, both by division and Branch-wide.
7. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 204, 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

