

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 Friday, March 18, 2011.

Those in attendance were: Troy Brown, Laura DiFelice, Rena Goldwasser, Esther Harris, Precious Hyland, Richard Loffredo, Eileen Meehan, Ines Nieves, Robyn Oliver, Shawna Woodard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Richard Loffredo.

1. The minutes from the meeting on February 18, 2011 were unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Loffredo announced that Donald Logan had resigned from the committee.
3. After discussion, the committee approved the questions for the COSCA Listserve, which were developed by the Survey/Focus Group Subcommittee. Mr. Loffredo described the process moving forward, with an assumed return time of about six weeks.
4. Mr. Loffredo reported that Judge Robinson had emailed Executive Director Melissa Farley concerning the website. She replied that she would contact the chair of the Website Subcommittee, who was not able to attend the meeting.
5. Members of the committee presented the results of their Training Curriculum research. Members had reviewed the websites of other states and had made contact with the following states: New York, Arizona, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. Further research is being done, with the next step being evaluating the information.
6. After discussion, the consensus of the group was to move forward with planning and recommendations of needs assessment, including survey and focus groups; policy statements; goal definition; and timeframes. A suggestion was made to have a subcommittee to focus on policy, goals and timeframes.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2011; future meetings will be held at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.