

Minutes
Public Service and Trust Commission
Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency

The Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency met at 225 Spring Street, Room 204, Wethersfield on March 24, 2015.

Those in attendance were:

Justice Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Paul Bourdoulous, Troy Brown, Samuel Bruder, Karen Chorney, Linda Cimino, Juanita Halepas, Esther Harris, Cristina Johnson, Ines Nieves, Daisy Ortiz, Shawna Woodard, Ewa Wojewodzki, and Alison Zawadski; Ann Foley and Jean Weisbrod (support staff).

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

1. Welcome: Justice Robinson opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.
3. Diversity Week 2015:
 - Linda Cimino distributed the approved 2015 Diversity Day Proposal to the committee members. She announced that Keith Woods, National Public Radio, VP, Diversity in News and Operations, has accepted the invitation to be the keynote speaker. Linda distributed a biography for Keith Woods and discussed his professional background.
 - Shawna Woodard provided an update about the possible changes to the Judicial Branch Learning Management System registration process.
 - Committee members discussed extending invitations for Diversity Week 2015 Opening Day to Judges and Family Support Magistrates as well as Executive Branch personnel, legislators, and Strategic Plan stakeholders.
4. Foundations in Cultural Responsiveness (FCR) 100:
 - Troy Brown reported that the 2015 training track is underway and there are 18 additional sessions scheduled through the end of the year. He noted that the Branch wide session begins April 6th.
5. Cultural Competency Video:
 - Troy Brown reported that the video subcommittee met last week and watched the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services video. Committee members agreed to move forward on a video specific to the Judicial Branch. Troy noted the subcommittee will explore topics and who the target audience should be at their next meeting.

6. Brown Bag Lunches:
 - Members discussed possibly offering one or two Brown Bag Lunches a year sponsored by the Judicial Branch.

7. What's Happening:
 - Karen Chorney reported the Glastonbury Martin Luther King Community Initiative will present "The Color of Justice", a forum explaining the role race plays in juvenile justice in CT and exploring solutions on Thursday, April 9th.

8. New Business: There was no new business discussed.

9. Adjourn: 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Schedule

May 26, 2015	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Room 204, 225 Spring Street
July 28, 2015	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Room 204, 225 Spring Street
September 29, 2015	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Room 204, 225 Spring Street