

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 May 18, 2012.

Those in attendance were:

Committee members: Hon. Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Troy Brown, Paul Bourdoulous, Laura DiFelice, Precious Hyland, Stephen Ment, Daisy Ortiz, Phil Strambler, Shawna Woodard, Inez Nieves, and Esther Harris.

Invited guests: Dennis Harrell, Ryan Labieniec, and Cristina Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by committee Chair, the Honorable Richard A. Robinson.

1. Welcome
2. The minutes from the meeting on April 20, 2012 were unanimously approved.
3. Paul Bourdoulous reviewed the proposed schedule for focus groups in June 2012. Committee members and guests selected and agreed on dates and pairs to conduct the focus groups. An updated schedule will be emailed to everyone. Paul noted that Ann Foley had prepared a new folder on the Judicial Branch shared K: drive to access the necessary documents for the 2012 focus groups. The committee discussed using the Learning Management System (LMS) to help administer the focus group activity. The Committee agreed to utilize both LMS self-registration and having the Division Executive Directors recruit and or assign employees.
4. Precious Hyland and Phil Strambler reviewed the new website and demonstrated how the website could be accessed from the Judicial Branch Intranet home page. Phil demonstrated the new website links to CSSD, LEP, and a new Glossary. The website will next be updated to reflect that Eileen Meehan is no longer a member of the Advisory Committee.
5. Committee members discussed several items to be summarized in "What's Happening". Stephen Ment provided an update on translated Judicial Branch press releases and that the ongoing Judicial Branch Volunteer and Intern Orientation program includes a piece on cultural competency; Troy Brown will be doing a presentation on cultural competency at the upcoming Jury Conference; Paul Bourdoulous and Esther Harris will complete the DMHAS Multicultural Training program in June 2012; the Advisory Committee will research the number of Branch employees that completed this program.
6. New business: the June 2012 meeting was cancelled by Judge Robinson. The Advisory Committee will be conducting focus groups that week. Judge Robinson will be at the State Judges Institute. The next meeting will be July 20, 2012, at 10:00, in room 204 at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

