

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 June 21, 2013.

Those in attendance were:

Judge Richard Robinson, Chair; Paul Bourdoulous, Karen Chorney, Esther Harris, Cristina Johnson, Stephen Ment, Daisy Ortiz, Phil Strambler, Ewa Wojewodzki, Shawna Woodard, Alison Zawadski

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by Judge Robinson.

1. The minutes from the May 17, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.
2. Judge Robinson and Karen Chorney updated the group on the presentation of a plenary session on cultural competency at the Connecticut Judges' Institute. Karen Chorney showed a video which was used during the CJJ session, which the committee found very interesting and thought-provoking.
3. Paul Bourdoulous brought in a draft of the Report to the Chief Justice on the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency. The draft report contains a clear description of Cultural Competency, why the Branch needs to be culturally competent and the training necessary to get there. A blueprint of the recommended process the Branch can follow to accomplish this goal was described in detail. The consensus of the Committee was that the draft accurately and completely represents both the history of their efforts and the recommended future direction of the committee. Suggestions were made to include topics and expand others. Judge Robinson, Karen Chorney and Paul Bourdoulous will work to create the final report, which is due July 31, 2013.
4. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.