

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 July 18, 2014.

Those in attendance were:

The Hon. Richard Robinson, Chair; Isabel Alvarez, Paul Bourdoulous, Linda Cimino, Esther Harris, Cristina Johnson, Stephen Ment, Ines Nieves, Daisy Ortiz, Phil Strambler, Ewa Wojewodzki, Alison Zawadski.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Justice Robinson.

1. The minutes from the May 16, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved with scrivener's corrections.
2. The Diversity Week Subcommittee reported out considerable progress in the planning of Diversity Day and Week:

Four out of six breakout programs are confirmed, and Justice Robinson suggested an avenue for a presentation on gender. Presenters were asked to provide information on equipment needs, etc., and if they were willing to present twice.

The week's programming is beginning to fill, with seven programs already proposed. Isabel Alvarez has also leads for non-judicial presentation. Shawna Woodard has a list of available venues in East Hartford, Wethersfield and New London, and is looking to expand the list. In addition a "Save the Date" has been sent to all Judicial Branch employees.

It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will meet more frequently between now and Diversity Week.
3. CSSD Update

The status of CSSD's *Foundations in Cultural Responsiveness (FCR) 100* was updated. Seven sessions of FCR100 remain through December, with September reserved for the Train the Trainer program (dates available from CSSD). A total of 18 trainings are now available.

Plans are firmed up for Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on September 18, 2014, and an invitation was extended to all members of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency.

CSSD's Committee has formally changed its name to the Advisory Committee on Cultural Responsiveness. They are also working on an update to their website.

CSSD has scheduled four sessions of LGBTQI training, with contractor True Colors, for 2014 and 2015.
4. What's Happening:

Paul Bourdoulous and Phil Strambler discussed the updates to the Advisory Committee's website redesign, which should be available shortly. The intent is to have it be a critical source of information for Diversity Day and Week.

Committee Member, Chief Marshal Ines Nieves, Fairfield Judicial District, has been named 2014 Outstanding Puerto Rican Honoree by the Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc., for Personal and Public Service to the Latino Community. Chief Marshal Nieves also received recognition certificates from Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Senator Richard Blumenthal and from Mayor Bill Finch of the City of Bridgeport and a plaque of recognition from the Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc. Chief Marshal Nieves, in acknowledging the congratulations of ACCC

members, said that it was truly a humbling experience.

5. New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

6. The August meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency has been cancelled.
The Diversity Subcommittee will schedule meetings in the interim.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.