

Minutes

Public Service and Trust Commission Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency

The Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency met at 99 East River Drive, East Hartford, in Room 707 on July 23, 2010.

Those in attendance were: Hon. Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Desiree Biggs, Travis Claxton, Esther Harris, Richard Loffredo, Donald Logan, Eileen Meehan, Hilda Nieves, Ines Nieves, Robyn Oliver, Dalia Panke, Veronica Perez-Davidson, Darlene Tranquilli, Mitch Ward, Shawna Woodard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Judge Robinson.

1. Judge Robinson welcomed the members in attendance and had them introduce themselves to the committee.
2. Judge Robinson led a discussion on the definition of cultural competency, as defined by the Committee on Cultural Competency. Judge Robinson also discussed the charge of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency.
3. Atty. Loffredo and Ms. Woodard provided a summary of the work done by the Committee on Cultural Competency.
4. Ms. Panke and Ms. Oliver summarized the activities of the Advisory Committee on Diversity, including the mentoring program, the website and blog, the Cultural Competency Award, and the Cultural Competency (formerly Diversity) Day.
5. Ms. Hilda Nieves provided an overview of the efforts currently underway in CSSD. Descriptions were provided of the St. Joseph College Certification program, the DMHAS training programs, and CSSD's Cultural Competency Advisory Committee.
6. Discussions ensued regarding costs of training, availability of training cohorts across the Branch, and accountability of Branch staff.
7. Next steps: Judge Robinson asked the committee to prepare the following for the next meeting:
 - Review definition of cultural competency for finalizing
 - Review lists of recommendations in order to define next steps
 - Prepare to define short and long term goals

The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 20, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM