

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 September 29, 2015.

Attendees:

Justice Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Isabel Alvarez, Paul Bourdoulous, Troy Brown, Samuel Bruder, Karen Chorney, Linda Cimino, Juanita Halepas, Esther Harris, Cristina Johnson, Ines Nieves, Daisy Ortiz, Jean Weisbrod (Support Staff), Shawna Woodard and Alison Zawadski.

Absent:

Precious Hyland, Philip Strambler and Ewa Wojewodzki

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

1. Welcome

Justice Richard A. Robinson opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 28, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Diversity Week 2015

Linda Cimino reported the number of registered participants for the Opening Celebration has almost reached the maximum amount allowed but there is still room for more to enroll. Linda distributed the schedule and assignment list for the committee; members discussed their roles and logistics for Opening Celebration.

Linda reported there are 16 workshops on the Diversity Week Learning Events calendar. Shawna Woodard stated that a reminder email will go out to Judicial Branch employees on Thursday, October 1, 2015 to encourage enrollment in the Opening Celebration and the workshops offered during the week.

4. Cultural Competency Video

Troy Brown distributed a handout *High Level Overview of Cultural Competency Video*. He asked the committee members to review the handout and offer their feedback about the questions. Members discussed which guests to invite to participate and the process for arranging and contracting with a videographer. Troy stated the video will focus on the principals of Cultural Competency.

5. ACCC Brown Bag Lunches

Justice Richard A. Robinson rescheduled the pilot ACCC Brown Bag lunch to April 2016 following a committee discussion regarding the amount of training being offered during Fall 2015 and Winter 2016.

6. What's Happening

Justice Richard A. Robinson reported:

- In a recent interview with Connecticut Radio Station WPRX 1120 AM he spoke about the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency. WPRX 1120 AM is the only Puerto Rican owned radio station in North America and it provides insight of the cultural needs of the Puerto Rican/Latin American communities.

Troy Brown reported:

- Friday, September 18th The Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity hosted “*Demystifying Implicit Bias: Insights for Change*” at Gateway Community College in New Haven with keynote speaker Rachel Godsil, Professor of Law with Seton Hall University.
- A pilot presentation of *Foundations of Cultural Responsiveness 200 (FCR - 200)* is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at ITBD, 185 Main Street, New Britain. Members of the ACCC are invited to attend (topics include Implicit Bias, Internalized Oppression and Privilege) and give feedback. This presentation will ultimately be open to anyone who completed *FCR 100*.

Shawna Woodard reported:

- The District Liaisons held their first meeting on Friday, September 18, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Shawna gave an overview of the ACCC to the meeting attendees.

Daisy Ortiz reported:

- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration for the Court Support Services Division will be held October 8, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 936 Silas Deane Highway in the 4th Floor Conference Room in Wethersfield.

7. New Business

- Shawna reported Room 204 at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield has been reserved for the 2016 Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency meetings. Conference Room 4B at 225 Spring Street has been reserved October 17 – October 21, 2016 for the Diversity Week Training Events.
- Justice Robinson suggested the committee review the definition of “cultural competency” as a future agenda item.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

2015 Meeting Schedule

November 24, 2015	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Room 204, 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield
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