

Minutes
Public Service and Trust Commission
Committee on Changing Demographics
January 24, 2008

The Committee on Changing Demographics of the Public Service and Trust Commission met in the 4th floor conference room of 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT at 3:00 p.m.

Those in attendance: Hon. Antonio C. Robaina (Co-Chair), Atty. Carolyn Signorelli (Co-Chair), Magistrate Sandra Sosnoff Baird, Hon. Clarence J. Jones, Hon. Barbara M. Quinn, and Hon. Hillary B. Strackbein. Support Staff present: Shawna Johnson and Sandra Lugo-Ginés

Judge Robaina and Attorney Signorelli welcomed the members and support staff of the Committee on Changing Demographics and called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Attorney Signorelli referred the Committee to the agenda and stated the purpose of this first meeting is to provide an overview of the responsibilities the Committee will undertake. She listed the Committee's tasks- to develop an outcome goal, strategies and activities- which will become a component of the Judicial Branch's strategic plan.

The next agenda item was a mini-training session conducted by Attorney Signorelli and Judge Robaina on what are outcome goals, strategies and activities and how to develop them.

The Committee received an overview of the information contained in the committee binders giving particular attention to the Committee Charge and the trends, impacts and strategies obtained through the various focus groups that are specific to their charge.

The Committee discussed the availability of statistical information connected to the racial and ethnic distribution in Connecticut; anticipated numbers of 16 and 17 year olds entering the juvenile system; various socio-economic trends in Connecticut; and other trends concerning minorities, juveniles, the mentally-ill and elder populations. The Support Staff will gather as much statistical data that is available for the Committee to review.

Discussion ensued about the outcome goal- that it is to be broad; it will be based on the Committee Charge; and the outcome goal, along with the strategies, will address the bulleted items suggested by the Steering Committee of the Public Service and Trust Commission.

Judge Robaina and Attorney Signorelli requested the Committee to carefully re-read the materials given to them, especially the Committee Charge and the training materials on outcome goals, strategies and activities. Each member will propose an outcome goal at the next committee meeting on February 6, 2008.

The Committee scheduled future meeting dates for February 6, 2008 and February 20, 2008 in the 4th floor conference room at 90 Washington Street in Hartford beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.