

## **PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRUST COMMISSION**

### **VISION, MISSION AND VALUES COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES APRIL 3, 2008**

The Vision, Mission and Values Committee of the Public Service and Trust Commission met in the Attorney's Conference Room located at 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Those in attendance: Attorney Joseph D'Alesio, Hon. Alexandra D. DiPentima, Hon. Clarence J. Jones, Hon. Douglas Mintz (Chair), Hon. Joseph Shortall, Mr. Thomas A. Siconolfi, Attorney Robert Stillman, Attorney Dawne G. Westbrook, Attorney Jennifer Zito. Support Staff present: Sandra Lugo Ginés.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. *Review of Committee Charge.* The first order of business was the welcoming of members and support staff as well as notification that all meetings are open to the public. Judge Dipentima reviewed the committee charge: to revise the Mission Statement based on the Constitution and Statutes of our state; develop a Vision Statement based on the Outcome Goals already produced by the five committees; and develop the values utilizing the information obtained from the focus groups, public hearings and surveys.
2. *VMV Presentation.* The second item on the agenda was a brief presentation by Atty. D'Alesio on how to develop Vision, Mission and Values statements for the strategic plan.
3. *Examination of Judicial Branch Mission.* The third item on the agenda was the examination of the current Judicial Branch mission.
4. *Discussion of the Process.* The fourth item on the agenda was a discussion of the process to develop the mission and vision. The recommendation proposed was to first work on the mission, then, create the vision, and end by developing the values. All members agreed. A discussion then ensued regarding mission statements from other states. Consensus was that most of the mission statements from other states were very similar. The committee decided to leave our current mission unchanged and just draft a "why" sentence to be placed at the beginning of the current mission. After discussion, the committee unanimously came to an agreement on the following draft for the mission: "The mission of the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch is to serve the public and the interest of justice by resolving matters brought before it in a fair, timely, efficient and open manner."

The committee next began working on developing the vision. The committee members discussed the possible formats and content. After discussion, the important points from each of the five outcome goals were combined in the vision narrative form. The following draft of the vision was agreed upon: "The public shall receive justice from an independent and impartial Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch shall provide effective, uniform and consistent services in an environment responsive to a diverse public. The Judicial Branch shall communicate and collaborate with others to achieve this vision."

The next discussion was on values. The committee reviewed the list of values from the focus groups and identified six as the common denominators. Each committee member was asked to present an argument in favor of one of the values at the next meeting.

5. *Timeline and Future.* The fifth item on the agenda was scheduling the next meeting, which will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT Attorney's Conference Room located on the second floor.

6. There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.