

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 February 21, 2014.

Those in attendance were:

Isabel Alvarez, Karen Chorney, Linda Cimino, Esther Harris, Precious Hyland, Stephen Ment, Daisy Ortiz, Phil Strambler, Ewa Wojewodzki, Shawna Woodard, Alison Zawadski.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Shawna Woodard.

1. The minutes from the January 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The status of CSSD's *Foundation in Cultural Responsiveness (FCR) 100* was updated. Attendees reported that the current session of Train the Trainer is "a great experience" and that they will now "have the tools to conduct a session of FCR100". All were looking forward to shadowing the trainers in the next session of FCR. The second Train the Trainer session, planned for April, may be delayed as a result of program cancellations caused by multiple February storms.
3. The Diversity Week recommendations are currently being reviewed by Branch management. A Subcommittee meeting is anticipated to be scheduled prior to the next full committee meeting. The question was raised if the committee expected to sponsor a Diversity Week just for 2014 or for every year; the consensus was that the committee expects to have Diversity Week be an annual celebration.
4. For the next meeting, the committee members were asked to review handouts with information on cultural observances declared by presidential proclamation. Members were asked to further research and be prepared to discuss this issue at the next full committee meeting.
5. The CSSD Brown Bag Lunch Series calendar and program descriptions were shared with the committee. This program is currently open to CSSD staff through the LMS, with the programs offered also to the members of the ACCC. It is hoped that eventually the program will be open to the Branch.
6. Court Operations is presenting a brown bag program for Women's History Month. The program will present a PBS documentary "Women Who Made America Great" with a discussion to follow, on the topic of how women view feminism today. The program will be presented twice, on March 14 and 27, 2014.
7. There are openings in several currently listed ADA offerings in the LMS, including Hidden Disabilities, The Nuts and Bolts of ADA, and Successful Interactions; registration is through Precious Hyland.
8. Due to the February storms, the Black History Month program was rescheduled to February 25, 2014.
9. The next meeting of the full committee will be March 21, 2014. The Diversity Day Subcommittee meeting is to be scheduled.
10. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.