

**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 March 21, 2014.

Those in attendance were:

The Hon. Richard Robinson, Chair; Isabel Alvarez, Paul Bourdoulous, Troy Brown, Karen Chorney, Esther Harris, Precious Hyland, Daisy Ortiz, Ewa Wojewodzki, Shawna Woodard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Justice Robinson.

1. The minutes from the February 21, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The status of CSSD's *Foundation in Cultural Responsiveness (FCR) 100* was updated. The classroom portion is completed, and the feedback is being used to adjust the curriculum for the next session. They found they need more than the 4 days scheduled, and plan to schedule 4.5 for the next session. Other feedback was also helpful and will be incorporated. Participants are in the process of scheduling the shadowing of the trainers for live session of FCR 100. The next Train the Trainer class will be in June, and of the 9 slots, five are already filled.
3. The Diversity Week discussion and update has been tabled until the next meeting when more information on approvals, etc., will be available. Nonetheless, room reservations for the October Diversity Week are being pursued by subcommittee members.
4. CSSD reported that their Black History Month celebration went well, as did the first sessions of the Women's History Month celebration presented by the Court Operations Jury Unit. There is a waiting list for the second session. Current and future plans for Brown Bag presentations as well as Cultural Months celebrations will be consolidated into a calendar which will be posted on the web page. Additions to the Cultural Celebrations Calendar will be Victims' Rights in April, Deaf Awareness in September and Veterans Day in November, in addition to African American, Hispanic and Native American celebrations already identified. The different divisions and units within the Branch will be encouraged but not required to develop programs in connection with the various celebrations.
5. Two new documentaries were brought to the attention of the committee: *The Color of Justice* and *Kids for Cash*. The intention is to offer screenings of both and to publicize these screenings.
6. New Business: Precious Hyland will develop and bring new concepts for the Cultural Competency logo and web page to the next meeting, which will include the calendar. The consensus of the committee was that the existing logo had formed an excellent bridge to the predecessor committees, and that a new logo would build on the committee's development.
7. The April 18, 2014 meeting has been canceled, due to the Good Friday holiday.
8. The next meeting of the full committee will be May 16, 2014.
9. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.