

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 September 20, 2013.

Those in attendance were:

The Hon. Richard A. Robinson, Chair; Troy Brown, Esther Harris, Precious Hyland, Cristina Johnson, Stephen Ment, Ines Nieves, Ewa Wojewodzki, Shawna Woodard, Alison Zawadski.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Judge Robinson.

1. The minutes from the July 19, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Judge Robinson reported that the Committee's annual report had been delivered and that initial response had been very positive.
3. The committee was updated on the status of *Foundations of Cultural Responsiveness 100 (FCR 100)*. CSSD has presented another session and has scheduled two more for October. Additionally, they are developing a Train-the-Trainer course on how to deliver FCR 100. The course was described and seats were offered to other divisions who have identified new facilitators of FCR 100. The Superior Court Operations Division has identified three new facilitators. One will attend the train-the-trainer course in the Fall, and the other two have applied to the DMHAS cultural competency cohort to gain more knowledge prior to facilitating.
4. CSSD also reported on the events scheduled for Hispanic Heritage Month (15 September through 15 October). One highlight of the month's activities will be a special program on October 3 at the ITBD offices in New Britain. There will be interactive programs on food and dancing, as well as a panel discussion on the different countries the Hispanic community represents. The featured guest speaker will be Isaias T. Diaz, Esq., of the Latino Puerto Rican Affairs Commission. Slots for this festival are limited, but an invitation was extended to the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency members.
5. Troy Brown reported the status of the new Cultural Competency Unit within the CSSD Training Academy.
6. CSSD proposed to establish a Diversity Day in the Spring. The committee would like to explore its July 2013 recommendation to re-establish a Branchwide celebration. Ewa Wojewodzki volunteered to help with the planning.
7. Judge Robinson charged the committee with bringing, to the next meeting, ideas and recommendations for short, intermediate and long term goals for the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency.
8. The next meeting will be October 18, 2013. ACCC meeting dates and room reservations for 2014 have been completed; the meetings will be the third Friday of each month.

9. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.