

**Minutes**  
**Public Service and Trust Commission**  
**Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency**  
**2015 Diversity Day Subcommittee**

The Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency, 2015 Diversity Day Subcommittee met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, OVS Conference Room, on January 22, 2015.

Those in attendance were: Linda J. Cimino, Chair; Isabel Alvarez, Paul Bourdoulous, Troy Brown, Karen Chorney, Zarin Kapur, Ewa Wojewodzki, and Shawna Woodard.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Chair Linda Cimino welcomed members of the 2014 and 2015 subcommittees to the first meeting of the 2015 Diversity Day Subcommittee.
2. It was decided to keep the theme: Culture Matters. It was also decided to keep the same structure, with keynote and breakout sessions. It is hoped that the Legislative Office Building can also be used again. Linda Cimino noted that a person from her team will be available to help with logistics.
3. It was decided to schedule Diversity Day for October 19, 2015, with the remainder of the week for district based programs. The concern with possible conflict with the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) conference was discussed, with the hope that it will be scheduled later in the month, and that perhaps Connecticut may be able to influence the timing. It was noted that the week of October 12 would not be appropriate for Diversity Week as October 12 is a holiday (Columbus Day).
4. The members agreed to continue to use themes for the breakout sessions, with working themes including those from Diversity Day 2014: Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Disability/ADA, Religion and Language. It was suggested that additional working themes could include: Poverty, Veterans, Age/Multi-Generational issues, Socio-Economic issues.
5. Subcommittee members brainstormed possibilities for a keynote speaker, as well as a wide range of ideas for breakout and district presenters in all themes noted above. Members agreed to do research and present their suggestions to the subcommittee chair. The subcommittee chair will present the 2015 Draft Proposal to the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency's next meeting on January 27, 2015.
6. The next subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.; the subcommittee will meet monthly on the third Thursday, at 9:00 a.m., with the exception of Thursday, March 19, which will be at 3:00 p.m.
7. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.