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The Cultural Competence Committee would like to spread Culture Competency beyond the monthly webinars and provide training in the community. The training would focus on the problems of not having funding given to Mental Health Services as Culturally Competent. It would like the training to show its drawbacks and the positive outcomes that occur when funding is culturally centered.

There are a significant amount of agencies and providers who do not have this type of knowledge. The Cultural Competence Committee would like to conduct these training at agencies, conference workshops etc. throughout NYS. The training would be based on a working model that includes implementation technology or production analysis (e.g. identifying areas that the agency has lost money due to the lack of Cultural Competency).

To help create this training, the Cultural Competence Committee will search for research that proves that the peer-to-peer relationship is the best methodology and approach to support mental health wellness and recovery.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Casey Ciceron