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CSC Successfully Hosts 3rd Annual State Workforce Diversity Summit Virtually

TRENTON – The New Jersey Civil Service Commission (CSC) hosted its Third Annual State Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Summit on Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This year's Summit theme was, "*Developing Programs for Employee Engagement and Wellness*." There were over 140 attendees at the virtual Summit, which included diversity and inclusion professionals working at the state, county, and local government levels, along with college and university professionals, and community organizations.

This year's Summit included an opening presentation by Jayné Johnson, Esq., Director of the newly established Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the New Jersey Governor's Office. Three panel presentations took place entitled, *Assessing Workplace Climate*, *Establishing and Employee Resource Group (ERG)*, and *Best Practices for Employee Engagement and Wellness*.

"The CSC is proud to offer these events to promote employee engagement and wellness to the civil service workforce," said New Jersey Civil Service Commission Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Deirdré L. Webster Cobb, Esq. "We are grateful to receive continued positive responses to our diversity and inclusion efforts and look forward to hosting more events to highlight the importance of DE&I and employee engagement and wellness."

"This year's Summit theme is very important, especially as we return to work. We hope attendees left this year's Summit with the tools to improve employee engagement and wellness," stated Dr. Charlie Williams, Executive Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Programs for the CSC.

As part of its Diversity and Inclusion initiatives, CSC has hosted a series of Virtual Information Sessions targeting recent college graduates, veterans, and the Hispanic and LGBTQ+ communities. The Office of Diversity Programs has also held two State Workforce Diversity Council Roundtables, and plans on hosting many more events in the coming year.

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