

**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting  
March 13, 2014  
Meeting Minutes  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Participants**

Dr. Janice Cunningham  
Janice Estabrook  
Dr. Mary Beth Gustafson  
Harriet Langer-Williamson  
Debbie Leggens  
Sallie Lynagh  
Rebecca Moyes  
Dennis McAndrews  
Dr. Gina Scala  
Kathi Stocki  
Jane Williams, Esquire

**ODR:**

Kerry V. Smith, Esquire, ODR Director  
Edward Titterton, Esquire, ODR Counsel  
Heather Strausbaugh, SC Secretary

**Presenters**

Jake McElligott, Hearing Officer  
Brian Ford, Hearing Officer  
Rosemary Mullaly, Esquire, ECC Consultant  
Dr. Trish Jones, ODR Contractor

**Minutes**

The December 12, 2013 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website both in English and Spanish.

**Welcome and Introductions**

The SC welcomed the new autism community representative, Rebecca Moyes, a consultant to the Autism Center of Pittsburgh. Ms. Moyes provides training for parents and program development assistance.

**Conflict Coaching Pilot Update – Dr. Trish Jones**

Kerry Smith and Suzanne McDougall participated in the Conflict Coaching Pilot with Dr. Trish Jones. This pilot program focuses on building capacity for conflict resolution at the local level by training administrators, teachers and parents of children with disabilities to

become peer conflict coaches. Abington and Southeast Delco School District volunteered to be a part of this pilot program.

SC members expressed positive feedback regarding the pilot. Data and materials supporting the pilot will be shared with the SC throughout the duration of the program.

#### **Virtual Hearings Pilot Update – Hearing Officer Jake McElligott**

Since mid-January, multiple mock hearings, via GoToMeeting, have been held with counsel to examine witnesses, a special education teacher and a director of special education. Sessions will continue through April and a report on the pilot will be issued in April or May.

Pilot participants have provided positive feedback to the pilot.

#### **Electronic Exhibits Pilot Update – Hearing Officer Brian Ford**

The pilot is currently in the beginning stages of development. Parties would upload the exhibits to Citrix ShareFile program. ShareFile is FERPA compliant and can have controls set to allow required parties to have access to essential information.

#### **Evaluation Conciliation Conference (ECC) Update – Rosemary Mullaly**

Between October 2013 and mid-March 2014, multiple sessions were held, with five sessions fully resolving all issues. Several requests have been received to hold the sessions via video conference. ODR will research what options are available. Attorneys are still looking for the consultant to provide legal counsel or be a negotiator when pro se parents are involved.

#### **Miscellaneous Issues**

Kerry Smith began to discuss IEP Facilitation awareness; however, due to phone problems, this issue will be updated at the next meeting.

The new Bureau of Special Education Director, Pat Hozella, has accepted an invitation to attend the next SC meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:39am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014.