

**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting
September 15, 2016
Meeting Minutes
Office for Dispute Resolution
6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Participants

Cindy Duch
Janice Estabrook
Betsy Gustafson
Harriet Langer-Williamson (substitute for Jill Hrinda-Patten)
Heidi Konkler-Goldsmith, Esquire
Debbie Leggens
Kay Lipsitz
Robyn Oplinger
Gina Scala
Jane Williams, Esquire

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Kerry V. Smith, Esquire, Director
Suzanne McDougall, Program Director
Edward Titterton, Esquire, Legal Counsel
Heather Doyle, SC Secretary

Presenters

None

Minutes

The June 16, 2016 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

SEA/Parent Center Collaboration (Suzanne McDougall)

Suzanne McDougall, along with Mission Empower, PEAL, and HUNE, have been assigned as a Pennsylvania collaborative workgroup to identify information and resource gaps in the area of dispute resolution. The initial project will be a directory type of guide that includes many dispute resolution resources available to families and schools within the state and through CADRE.

HUNE Update (Suzanne McDougall)

Suzanne McDougall provided an update regarding HUNE. HUNE will be interviewing and hiring a consultant to handle Spanish calls and outreach opportunities with a focus on broadening ODR's reach to be more responsive to needs from within the Hispanic Community. It's expected that the Consultant will be bilingual and will undergo extensive training. Suzanne McDougall will be managing the training and ODR's ConsultLine staff will also help with the training of the Consultant.

Annual Report (Kerry Smith and Suzanne McDougall)

ODR has completed the 2015/2016 Annual Report. There was a significant increase in IEP Facilitation requests and a slight increase in Mediation requests, both with issues similar to previous years. The number of Due Process Requests were close to even compared to the 2014/2015 school year. In previous years, the number of decisions written in which the LEA prevailed were higher than that of parents; whereas, in the 2015/2016 school year, parents prevailed in almost half of the cases compared to the LEAs.

The meeting concluded at 11:30am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016.