

ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting
March 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes
Office for Dispute Resolution
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Participants

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Samantha Pudloski, Special Education Internet and Resource Manager
Jeffrey DiVincenzo, Information Technology Coordinator

Minutes

The December 14, 2017 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

Website Updates Status Report (Jeffrey DiVincenzo)

The ODR Information Technology Coordinator provided an update regarding website accessibility. ODR staff have attended accessibility training. The training focused on creating accessible documents and revising current document, which will be implemented through the ODR office.

CADRE/PTI/ODR Collaboration (Samantha Pudloski)

The ODR/PTI/CADRE workgroup held a facilitated meeting at ODR in the beginning of March. At the meeting, the workgroup planned to develop three new resources - a rack card, a video, and a web-based guide. These resources are in the works and the expected completion date is August. The group also discussed outreach and presentations at state-wide conferences.

Training Videos and Presentations (Kati Clendenin)

Kati Clendenin provided an update on ODR's outreach opportunities. Numerous presentations have been given by hearing officers on due process trends, including several presentations in the School District of Philadelphia. The ODR Overview and Creating Agreement trainings have also been presented on.

A mock due process video, a hearing officer settlement conference infomercial, and a parent podcast have been created and are currently in the process of being closed captioned and translated into Spanish. An LEA podcast is currently in the works.

Ways to Increase Use of Mediation (SC Council)

This discussion has been postponed for a future meeting.

Leading by Convening (Kerry Smith)

Joanne Cashman, of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), will be the guest speaker at the June meeting to discuss “Leading by Convening”. Stakeholder Council members are encouraged to attend in person, if possible.

The meeting concluded at 10:50am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018.