



**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting
March 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes
Office for Dispute Resolution
6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Participants

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Janice Estabrook
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Nancy Giacomini
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Gina Scala
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Kerry Smith, Director
Heather Doyle, Administrative and Technical Specialist

Other

Carole Clancy, Director of the Bureau of Special Education
Robin O'Shea, Managing Partner of Key2Ed

Minutes

The March 17, 2022 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

Usage of "Stakeholder" Designation

SC Members discussed the usage of the word "stakeholder" as it is falling out of favor. No final decisions were made, and we are going to take direction from OSEP, which still uses the term.

Replacement of SC Member

The Council member representing the mental health community has stepped down. A recommendation for a replacement has been made, and the ODR Director will reach out to this person to ascertain their interest in serving on the Council.



Presentations and CORA Training Update

The ODR Director and a hearing officer presented to the PAIU Executive Directors on a two-year review of due process statistics. After the presentation, ODR received requests from six intermediate units for additional presentations.

ODR has contracted with CORA Good Shepherd Mediation to provide conflict resolution skills training to families and local education agencies. Two sessions are scheduled for the end of April and May in collaboration with The PEAL Center.

Evaluative Mediation

A public service announcement video focused on evaluative mediation has been created and posted to the ODR website.

IEP Facilitation Training Initiative

The Key2Ed Managing Partner joined the SC meeting to introduce herself and talk about the IEP Facilitation training initiative. The focus of this training is to support staff and parents in successfully conducting effective IEP meetings and enabling teams to collaborate and resolve conflict during those meetings. The Director of BSE also participated in this conversation and provided support to the initiative. Trainings are offered virtually and in-person and are held in two- or five-day sessions. A pilot training is scheduled for May 2022. Key2Ed also offers a Stakeholder training, which is designed so participants can leave the training that day and implement new techniques immediately. This training is three hours long and is tailored to smaller groups.

The meeting concluded at 11:42am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022.