



**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting
June 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes
Office for Dispute Resolution
6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Participants

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Nancy Giacomini
Christa Jones
Kevin Kane
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Edward Titterton, Esquire
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Kerry Smith, ODR Director
Samantha Pudloski, ODR Program Manager
Heather Doyle, Administrative Project Specialist

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.

Introduction of New Stakeholder Council Member

The SC welcomed a new member, Christa Jones. Ms. Jones is the Administrative Supervisor and Parent Advisory Board Coordinator at Allegheny Family Network (AFN) in Pittsburgh. She is also an advocate and trainer for families raising children with special education, behavioral health, and mental health challenges.

IEP Facilitation Training Initiative Update

A three-day pilot training on conducting effective IEP meetings was held in May 2022 and has received a positive response. Several LEAs have agreed to participate and have trainings scheduled in the upcoming months. Additional LEAs are currently in the scheduling process.

ODR Updates

ODR is preparing for the end of the fiscal year and annual reporting. At quick glance, due process requests have increased, as did the number of mediation requests. Nationally, other states have seen an uptick in state complaints, however, that is not the



case for Pennsylvania. SC members discussed potential reasonings for the increased number of requests and how to provide outreach for alternative dispute resolution options and trainings.

The ODR Program Manager provided statistics on virtual vs. in-person services.

The OSEP audit will likely start in September 2023, however, that has not yet been confirmed.

ODR has launched a Facebook page.

The meeting concluded at 11:16am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022.