

# CHILD-WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Issue 25 April 7, 2014  
An OCYF-County Partnership

## ANOTHER DELIVERABLE MET

On March 31, 2014 the Department submitted the IDIR documents from all five demonstration project counties. This was no small feat as each county produced a high quality document introducing the target populations and associated interventions for the IDIR Component 3 of our project. At this point we have received no feedback from ACF in regard to our previously submitted Semi-Annual Progress Reports or these IDIRs. We are expecting to hear from ACF soon, and plan on scheduling individual county calls to review their feedback and any requests for additional information.

## EVALUATION UPDATE

Family and youth focus groups will be conducted over the next few months. The Evaluation Team will conduct one focus group with youth and one focus group with family members, centering on their experiences with assessment and engagement. These sessions are intended to be completed by the end of May. We are currently scheduling these groups. The Evaluation Team will also observe family engagement meetings/conferences in counties in addition to the family and youth focus groups.

The evaluation leads will be contacted by a member of the evaluation team in order to outline the data capture processes for the CANS, FAST, ASQ and Family Engagement. This is a series of phone calls to document the procedures by which information is obtained, who obtains it, where it is entered, how and who is included or not included. This usually involves two or three 30-minute phone sessions. In addition to this, we are currently developing the next evaluation plan.

Lastly, the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for the end of April. A specific date will be determined and announce very soon. If there are any questions regarding the Evaluation Subcommittee meetings, please contact Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott ([alp159@pit.edu](mailto:alp159@pit.edu)).



## IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP – APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

No fooling – the Implementation Workgroup did meet on April 1<sup>st</sup> to review the status of the IDIR documents that were sent to ACF and to provide feedback on the process used in developing these critical documents. Counties were advised to keep their Work Plans up-to-date as any county specific implementation changes occur. The group was also reminded of their April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for the

January – March Program Monitoring Form

One area that was emphasized to the counties was that there is a tremendous amount of support available to ensure project success: OCYF support, Casey Family Programs (Fran), and Public Consulting Group (Bill) – please reach out with any questions or issues!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Executive Committee met on March 7, 2014 to review the current status of CWDP activities and discuss upcoming implementation plans for the Component 3 Intervention selections. We expect to send out the State-County Agreement in the next few weeks as the final issues with this document were resolved.

As previously stated, we are awaiting ACF feedback on our Progress Report and IDIR documents. Individual county meetings will be scheduled to address any ACF questions.

## DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – DUE DATE TRACKING

Post Implementation:

- May 1, 2014 Final Evaluation Plan
- July 30, 2014 Semi-Annual Progress Report

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Update your calendar:

- May 12, 2014 Executive Committee (10-2, CWRC)
- June 4, 2014 Implementation Workgroup (1-3, Phone Meeting)

**Communication – we need articles:** This newsletter is one mechanism utilized to report out on key accomplishments and communicate upcoming tasks and due dates. If anyone has information to include for future editions, please email Bill at [wshutt@pcgus.com](mailto:wshutt@pcgus.com) or one of our county newsletter representatives:

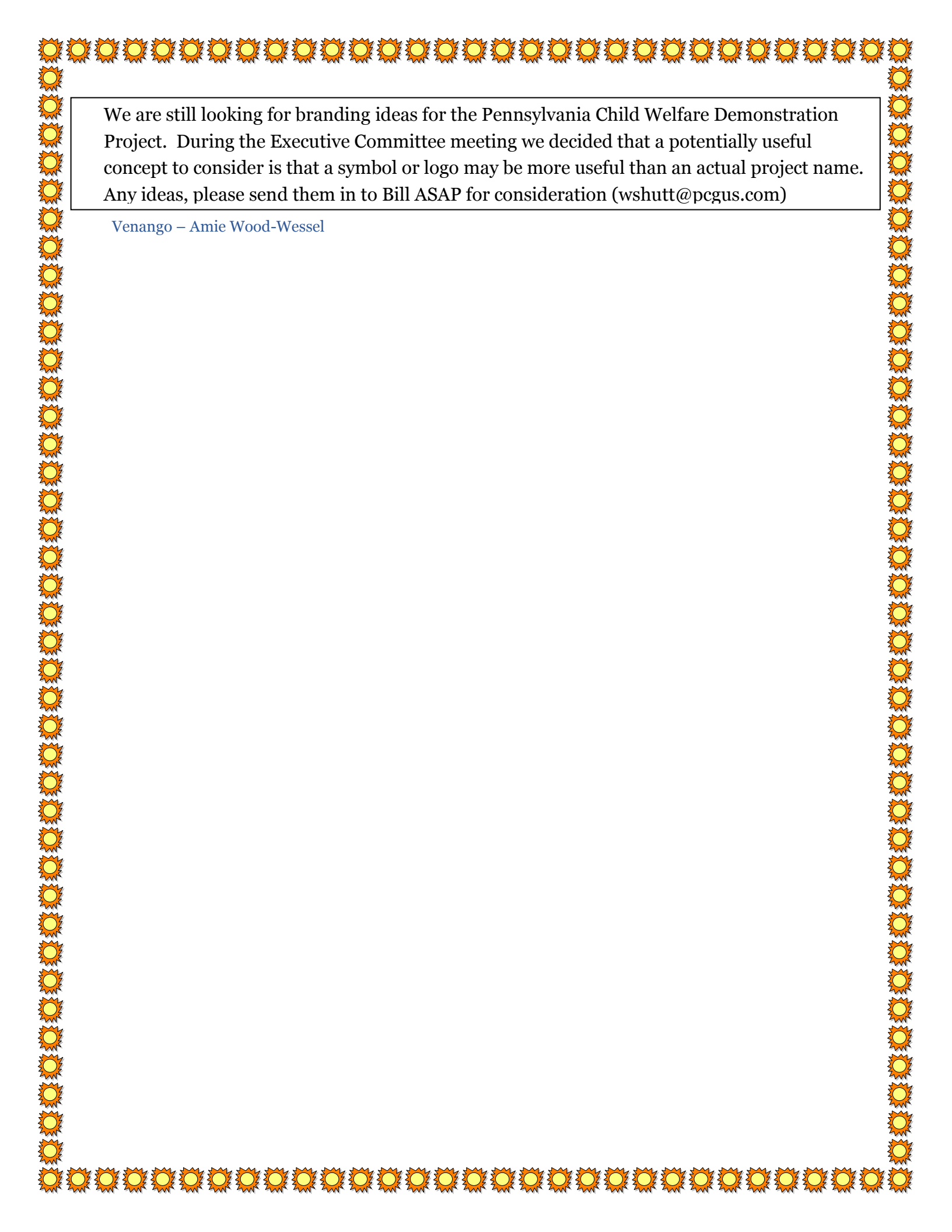
Lackawanna – Kerry Browning

Allegheny – Robin Orlando

Philadelphia – Brian Clapier

Dauphin – Kirsten Johnson

This was a brief edition of our newsletter – it is a much more dynamic and useful newsletter when we get county contributions – please consider an article for next month!



We are still looking for branding ideas for the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Demonstration Project. During the Executive Committee meeting we decided that a potentially useful concept to consider is that a symbol or logo may be more useful than an actual project name. Any ideas, please send them in to Bill ASAP for consideration ([wshutt@pcgus.com](mailto:wshutt@pcgus.com))

Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel