

PENNSYLVANIA CHILD-WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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An OCYF-County Partnership

DECEMBER LULL

This month's edition is brief as there were no group meetings or phone calls held since our last newsletter – a true holiday break! There were several activities reported on in the Implementation and Fiscal sections. January is a busy month with meetings, Semi-Annual Progress Reports, a Casey Convening, and preparation for selection of our Component 3 items for our project.

JANUARY STORM!

Please drive safely to all meetings – safety, permanency and well-being also applies to staff!

EVALUATION UPDATE

The Organizational Readiness for Change Survey (ORC) has wrapped up in four of the five Demonstration Project counties; with Philadelphia County scheduled to implement soon. Thank you to all of those individuals who have participated thus far, as well as to those who are about to participate!

The Evaluation Team has begun the next phase of data collection for the process evaluation. Thus far, focus groups and document reviews have been scheduled for two of the Demonstration Project counties. The Evaluation Team is working to schedule dates with the other remaining Demonstration Project counties. These data collecting processes focus in on the awareness and insight of stakeholders, regarding readiness to implement. The fiscal evaluation is continuing with the review of the first quarter's fiscal data, and the outcome evaluation is underway with most of the counties having signed the data sharing agreement with Chapin Hall.

The next Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting will be held in February, 2014. A doodle poll has been sent out to subcommittee members in order to schedule a meeting date. The results of this doodle poll and selected meeting date will be emailed to all subcommittee members soon. If you have any questions regarding the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting, please contact Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

CASEY SHARED LEARNING COLLABORATIVE – PART 2

A big thanks to Fran Gutterman and Casey Family Programs for arranging for another day of learning and EBP exploration.



January 27, 2014 – Save the Date
Information will be coming out soon with details and registration information – stay tuned!



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FISCAL UPDATE

County fiscal staff completed their Accounting of Investments templates leading to the timely submission of our Accounting of Investments form to ACF. A phone conference was held with ACF on December 19, 2013 to confirm our understanding of how to complete this task. In the past month the OCYF fiscal staff also submitted a revised Quarterly Payment Schedule, breaking the quarterly amounts into Maintenance/Administrative amounts. The Evaluation Claiming Form and instructions have been submitted to all demonstration project counties.

A Fiscal Meeting will be held following the January 13, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. The main topic of this meeting will be claiming issues.

Please submit any fiscal related questions to the resource account.

IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP UPDATE

The program monitoring template has been sent to the Implementation Workgroup for use starting in January. The deadline for the Semi-Annual Progress Report county template is January 15, 2014 (the sooner the better).

A new template has been developed to incorporate Implementation Science concepts into our demonstration project. A meeting was held with Allison Metz on December 19, 2013 to discuss how we can better incorporate Implementation Science into our activities. Following this meeting, Allison assisted in the revision of our IDIR Component Three template.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – DUE DATE TRACKING

Post Implementation:

- January 31, 2014 Semi-Annual Progress Report (county drafts due 1/15 at the latest)
- March 31, 2014 Revised IDIR Submission to ACF (county drafts due by 3/1)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Update your calendar:

- January 13, 2014 Executive Committee (Followed by Fiscal Meeting)
- January 14, 2014 Implementation Workgroup (1-3 Phone Meeting)
- January 27, 2014 Casey Convening – EBP (details pending)
- February 4, 2014 Implementation Workgroup (may change due to conflict)
- February 21, 2014 Evaluation Workgroup (10-3. CWRC)

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 or one of our county newsletter representatives (elves for the holidays):

Lackawanna – Kerry Browning

Allegheny – Robin Orlando

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Dauphin – Kiersten Johnson

Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel



We are still looking for branding ideas for the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Demonstration Project. Send them in to Bill ASAP for consideration (wshutt@pcgus.com)