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DEADLINES
Our PA Child Welfare
Demonstration Project
continues to stay on track, but we have several important deadlines looming: The county templates for the Semi-Annual Progress Report is due July 21st and the April June/2014 Monitoring Form is due July 21st and the April continue to be ongoing and project critical due dates. The work of implementation is an ongoing cycle of activities, monitoring, reporting, and refining — it is helpful to keep in mind that all of these deadlines are in support of what we do day to day to help children and families in our Commonwealth! Your work is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, mark your calendars for October 21st and 22nd, as CWRC will host a training session on the SPANS data collection process. Robin Orlando will lead the training session during this two day event. A save the last separation is an online of the propose of the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are couraged to contact the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are concuraged to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are concuraged to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are concuraged to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are concuraged to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are concuraged to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are contact the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are sent out on behalf of the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are accounted to the Evaluation Subcommitted to Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are accounted to the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All countes are accounted to the Evaluation Team with additional deta

data collection process. Robin Orlando will lead the training session during this two day event. A save the date has been sent out on behalf of the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All questions regarding this training can be directed to the Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - PHONE CALL

On July 11, 2014 the Executive Committee met by phone to discuss several important items. Cathy Utz provided an update to the committee on the June 11th meeting with ACF. While the bulk of the meeting centered around the evaluation, our ACF partners commended the work being done in the counties and the quality of the IDIR question responses recently received. ACF has not officially approved all of the IDIRs, but we expect this notification to be imminent. The University of Pittsburgh staff provided an update on the discussion with ACF regarding the evaluation and that their final revised plan has been submitted. The importance of timely and complete data submissions was highlighed as a critical piece of their evaluation work.

A brief fiscal update was also provided – mainly that we are waiting on an official revised Terms & Conditions and approval of a revised Schedule of Quarterly Payments from ACF taking into account the addition of Crawford County to the project as of July 1, 2014. The Department is waiting on answers from ACF as to the revision of our Accounting of Investments form to include Crawford County information.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - DUE DATE TRACKING

Post Implementation:

July 30, 2014 Semi-Annual Progress Report (July 21 template submission date)

July 31, 2014 Program Monitoring Form

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Update your calendar:

• August 20, 2014 Implementation Workgroup (Call: 1-3)

• August 26, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting (CWRC: 10-2)

• October 21-22, 2014 SPANS Data Collection (Robin Orlando –more information to come)

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

<u>wshutt@pcgus.com</u> or one of our county newsletter representatives:

Lackawanna – Kerry Browning

Allegheny - Robin Orlando

Philadelphia – Brian Clapier

Dauphin - Kirsten Johnson

Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel

Crawford – To be determined

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!

Please make a commitment to an August article related to the Demonstration Project. Contact Bill ASAP to plan out a submission. The goal is to have two county-based articles in July.