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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 e-mail Sandy Shedlock at sshedlock@pcgus.com or one of our county newsletter representatives:

- Allegheny:
 - Robin Orlando
- Crawford:
 - Kelly Schwab
- Dauphin:
 - Rick Vukmanic
- Lackawanna:
 - **Kerry Browning**
- Philadelphia:
 - Kim Ali
- Venango:

Amie Wood-Wessel

Please contact epalmer@pcgus.com with any contact updates.

Evaluation Update from the CWRC

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study continues as ongoing. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please reach out to our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu). Additionally, for all questions regarding the FES data collection process, please reach out to our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

The Evaluation Team would like to thank those counties that have provided information related to the Document Review request. This activity helps to inform the evaluation by capturing agency policy changes or updates that are driven by the CWDP. Thank you!

Recently, the Evaluation Team has reached out to demonstration counties to also update the Policies and Procedures Table related to the assessment, family engagement and EBP processes in each county. The purpose of this update is to ensure that the Evaluation Team has an accurate outline of how, and when, services related to these areas are provided and to capture any changes to these processes that may have been implemented over the past year. The deadline to submit the updated tables is August 31, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this evaluation request, please contact our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu).

Looking ahead, the Evaluation Team is planning to distribute the annual Facilitator Survey near the beginning of August. We have already began the process of reaching out to demonstration counties for updated contact lists. Keep an eye out for more information related to this evaluation activity over the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions related to this request, or about the survey, please contact our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

Please note, Justin Donofrio is transitioning to a new role at the CWRC (effective: August 1st). Jenna Meister will be the primary point of contact for all CWDP evaluation-related correspondence. Justin will be available through the end of July but asks that Jenna (jem275@pitt.edu) and Jen Zajac (jjp62@pitt.edu) be copied on evaluation-related correspondence moving forward.

Upcoming Event

• August 14, 2017

The next Executive Committee meeting is to be held at the Child Welfare Resource Center in Mechanicsburg. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy Shedlock (sshedlock@pcgus.com).