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

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Evaluation Update from the CWRC

This month Mary Beth Rauktis and Laura Packer Tucker attended the University of South Florida conference on mental health systems of care, and presented some of the waiver findings on fidelity of targeting as well as the family conferencing practices. As Pennsylvania continues to implement the waiver practice model, it may be worth considering how to increase youth voice. Several of the plenary speakers spoke about the value of youth-informed and youth-led practices in making a more informed and effective system of care.

We are continuing to collect data using the SPANS and to finish up observations of family conferences. In addition, we will be emailing you in order to set up phone calls in order to review the last set of administrative data files. Finally, it is also important that if you have family conference data that you forward it to us, rather than "hoard" it. The more data that we receive before our data cut-off, the greater the time we have to review and clean it.

Thanks in advance for your assistance as we head into the home stretch of the evaluation!

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Extension and Renegotiation

The CWDP Extension/Renegotiation Request is on-going. As information becomes available updates will be provided.

Implementation and Sustainability Convening

SAVE THE DATE for the 2018 Title IV-E Waiver Implementation and Sustainability Convening! It will be held in Chicago, IL from April 25-27, 2018.

There is availability for one representative per county. If each county can submit their one representative to attend the conference by Monday, March 12, 2018 it would be appreciated.

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Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting

The 20th Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting is to be held July 16-17, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Please note that this year's Meeting will feature plenary sessions and tracks related to Program and Evaluation only.

As a reminder, there are often a limited number of slots for attendance, so if each county can submit one county representative to attend the conference by Friday, April 20, 2018 it would be appreciated.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting is to be scheduled for Spring 2018; additional details will be provided at a later date.

Important Dates: Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- March
 - March 12th: Deadline for each county to submit their one representative to attend the Implementation and Sustainability Convening in Chicago, IL
- April
 - April 15th: Deadline for submitting program monitoring forms for January-March 2018 (please submit these forms to sshedlock@pcgus.com)
 - April 20th: Deadline for each county to submit their one representative for the Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting in Washington, DC.
 - April 25th-27th: Title IV-E Waiver Implementation and Sustainability Convening to be held in Chicago, IL.
- TBD: Tentatively June
 - Exact Date TBD: Executive Committee Meeting
- July
 - July 16th-17th: Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting to be held in Washington, DC.
 - Quarterly program monitoring and semi-annual reporting will be due.