

PA – Demonstration Project

Current Update

9/10/2013

An OCYF/County Partnership

Evaluation Update

Key Informant Interviews continue to advance smoothly, with more scheduled to be completed in the upcoming weeks. Counties may be contacted for additional names and contact information, as more interviews are completed. A thank you goes out to all of the counties for their willingness and enthusiasm to participate in the interviews! The evaluation team is preparing for implementation of the Organizational Readiness for Change survey (ORC). The survey is due to be implemented soon, and counties will be notified of when to expect the ORC survey invitation and instructions. Any questions regarding the ORC survey can be directed to Justin Donofrio, Evaluation Coordinator (jdd63@pitt.edu). Lastly, mark your calendars for the Evaluation Subcommittee meeting. The meeting will be held

- *Stay Tuned: We tentatively have a FAST meeting planned for October 1, 2013. We will send out an official notice of this meeting ASAP. A big thanks to Robin Orlando and all the staff involved in our CANS Community of Practice Meetings.*

on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Child Welfare Resource Center. An agenda for the meeting will be sent to all parties this month. Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Alexis Pigott, Evaluation Specialist (alp159@pitt.edu).

**Reminder: Executive Meeting –
September 30, 2013 10:00 – 2:00 CWRC**

Newsletter Staff



The following staff have committed to being county representatives for the Newsletter:

Lackawanna – Kerry Browning

Allegheny – Robin Orlando

Philadelphia – Brian Clapier

Dauphin – Kiersten Johnson

Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel

Included in this edition is our first county article (courtesy of Venango County).

As a reminder, our next newsletter will not be published until the first Friday in October as we move to our new monthly format.

Also, continue to stay tuned for a “contest” to jazz up the name of our newsletter.

Fiscal Update

We want to remind the counties that OCYF is accepting completed Development Claim forms – please contact the resource account if you have any questions (RA-ocyfcwdp@pa.gov). Stay tuned on a new Evaluation Cost Claim form and instructions – they are in their final draft stage and will be mailed to the counties very soon.

A Fiscal Workgroup meeting will be scheduled in the near future – stay tuned.

Implementation Committee

An Implementation Committee meeting was held on August 27, 2013. Each county presented an update on their implementation efforts as well as each county's planned process for moving towards their Component 3 interventions. Parameters surrounding the selection of interventions, number of interventions, and the desire for shared interventions among all participating counties was discussed and several questions are being referred to the Executive Committee for discussion.

Templates are currently under development for the Component 3 IDIR and for the Semi-Annual Progress Report. These items are in their final draft and should be sent to the counties in the next two weeks.

ACS Discussion

A phone meeting was held on September 6, 2013 with New York City ACS to discuss their implementation of EBPs. A summary of the major themes was distributed to the group and we look forward to having ACS join us in December as part of our Shared Learning Collaborative.

Demonstration Project – Due Date Tracking

Post Implementation:

- January 31, 2014 Semi-Annual Progress Report
- March 31, 2014 Revised IDIR Submission to ACF (county drafts in February)

Venango County News

Venango County recently gave out \$10 gift cards to caseworkers for “first” activities associated with the Demonstration Projection. The first FAST,CANS, FGDM as well as FTC Review since the July 1 kick off. The photo below is Dave with the recipients (Brian Gotses, Amanda Shaffer, Jennifer Buck, Jennifer Carothers, and Beth Williams is absent from the photo).



Upcoming Meeting Dates

Update Your Calendar

- September 30, 2013 Executive Committee (based on our poll of potential dates)
- October 1, 2013 Evaluation Committee
- October 8, 2013 Implementation Workgroup
- December 5-6, 2013 Casey Shared Learning Collaborative

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.

Communication is Key- Is your communication plan working?