

Present: Dr. Trim, Maria Meo, Karen Thomany, Carla Perez, Yvonne Bouknight, Allison Silverstein, Melanie Deysher

1. School Neuropsych Program - this is a 10 month program out of Texas. At the conclusion the employee will be provided with a Pediatric Neuropsych Certification. It will cost \$6,000 for each psychologist that participates (this is for the Doctor level school psychologists). Dr. Ponds liked the idea. The District Attorney will have to draft a memorandum to have the person who we pay to take the program agree to stay 3 years or refund costs. There are only about 6-10 neuropsych evaluations per year (mostly situations with litigation). They are quite costly though, so being able to do in house would realize a cost savings. There would have to be criteria put in place as to what assessment the District neuropsych can provide. Its not a huge impact, but they are aware of potential workload increases that would warrant discussion.
2. Neurological Evaluations – St. Barnabas (Dr. Goldberg) charges a total of \$975 per evaluation and New Jersey Pediatric Neuroscience Institute completes both Monolingual and Bilingual Evaluations (Dr. Kornitzer) charges \$650.
3. Learning Tree - Currently contract with Hillmer/Cross Country for Multilingual CST/RS Evaluations. New vendor proposed covers more languages and so they are seeking to have this new vendor approved.
4. Brief discussion of settlements that will be on 12/18 agenda.
5. Job descriptions for AT/SLS and Psychiatrist have been forwarded to Personnel.
6. Columbia/Emerson - Speech language pathologists. Need to sign contracts.

Meeting ended at 4:23 p.m.