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To: "Maggie Kjer" <Maggie.Kjer@pearson.com>; "Neil Gillespie" <neilgillespie@mfi.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 1:56 PM
Subject: RE: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

There is a David Peterson who has written in the area of executive coaching as noted in your email, I am not familiar with his work in general.

What publication of mine is being referenced regarding a position on the use of the MMPI-2 in rehabilitation?

I have not contributed to the peer-reviewed literature on the use of the MMPI with people with cleft palate.

Graham, Tellegen, and Ben-Porath are MMPI scholars who have published quite a bit, perhaps their work would be helpful?

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From: Maggie Kjer <Maggie.Kjer@pearson.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 10:34 AM

To: Neil Gillespie

Cc: Peterson, David

Subject: RE: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

Hi Neil,

You have asked questions that are beyond my areas of expertise. I have forwarded your comments and questions to the Pearson Clinical legal team. See my responses to the questions I can answer below. Other responses will come from the Pearson legal team.

Maggie

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From: Neil Gillespie [mailto:neilgillespie@mfi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 1:22 PM
To: Maggie Kjer
Cc: dpeters3@calstatela.edu; Neil Gillespie
Subject: Re: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

Maggie Kjer, PhD
 Pearson Clinical

Dear Dr. Kjer,

Thank you for your response. May I ask whom is the MMPI manager? The response suggests my question has not previously been considered by Pearson Clinical. I am not aware of any "professional research literature" that answers my question. [The MMPI Pearson Product Manager is Deb Ringlewski](#). The University of Minnesota has other folks who deal with the test development, etc.

Also, yesterday you emailed that you contacted "one of my federal govt. colleagues for comment". Is that person David B. Peterson? If not, may I ask whom in the federal government you contacted? No, you misunderstood me. I contacted one of my colleagues who works with the federal gov't in her role at Pearson. She offered no comment to your initial email.

Thank you for a referral to David B. Peterson, Ph.D., CRC, NCC, who has written about using the MMPI in the context of rehabilitation. Is this David B. Peterson the same Director of Executive Coaching and Leadership at Google? If so, I fail to see how his work coaching senior leaders at Google relates to the habilitation of congenital deformed persons.

<http://www.siop.org/LEC/2013/peterson.aspx>

Not sure.

Some experts claim that that "rehabilitation" is not an appropriate substitute for "habilitation" of a congenital disorder.

I agree as experts use many different terms. I try to not get into discussions on nomenclature and jargon when I am not an expert in the area, as is true here.

An important difference between rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices is the fact that *habilitation* services are provided in order for a person to **attain**, maintain or prevent deterioration of a skill or function never learned or acquired due to a disabling condition.

Rehabilitation services and devices, on the other hand, are provided to help a person **regain**, maintain or prevent deterioration of a skill that has been acquired but then lost or impaired due to illness, injury, or disabling condition.

See for example, Peter Thomas or Theresa Morgan of Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville, PC, or the National Disability Navigator, or the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, links below.

<http://www.carf.org/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=24545>

<http://www.aucd.org/docs/urc/TA%20Institute%202013/Habilitation%20White%20Paper%20%28final%29%20%28D0391656%29%20%283%29.pdf>

<http://www.nationaldisabilitynavigator.org/ndnrc-materials/fact-sheets/fact-sheet-4/>

http://www.healthcarereform.ny.gov/timeline/2012-08-02_exchange_stakeholder/docs/nys_ot_pt_speech.pdf

As you suggested, I will contact the ACPA-CPF for specific information about the use of the MMPI-2 within their interdisciplinary evaluation and treatment model.

Finally, are you aware of Florida attorney Elizabeth J. Kates' critique of the MMPI-2 that raises, *inter alia*, Constitutional questions of law? See, A Grammatical Analysis of the MMPI-2,

<http://www.thelizlibrary.org/site-index/site-index-frame.html#soulhttp://www.thelizlibrary.org/therapeutic-jurisprudence/custody-evaluator-testing/forensic-mmmpi2.html>

Has Pearson Clinical addressed the Constitutional questions of law raised by attorney Elizabeth J. Kates as presented in A Grammatical Analysis of the MMPI-2? While Ms. Kates' critique relates to use of the MMPI-2 in family law cases, it may raise similar Constitutional questions of law when the MMPI-2 is used in any governmental setting. At least that is my understanding as a nonlawyer.

Thank you in advance for the courtesy of a response.

Sincerely,

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Maggie Kjer](#)

To: [Neil Gillespie](#)

Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 10:41 AM

Subject: RE: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

Hi Neil,

Below is the response from the MMPI manager:

The MMPI has a long history of being used in medical settings as part of a comprehensive assessment battery. It is recommended that the extensive professional research literature be reviewed to best address your question. Additionally, you may wish to contact David Peterson (contact info below), who has written about using the MMPI in the context of rehabilitation.

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Finally, the ACPA-CPF could provide specific information about the use of the test within their interdisciplinary evaluation and treatment model.

Neil, I hope this information is helpful.

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From: Neil Gillespie [mailto:neilgillespie@mfi.net]

Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 10:54 AM

To: maggie.kjer@pearson.com

Subject: Fw: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

Second request. Please respond, or forward to someone who can respond.

Thank you. Neil Gillespie

----- Original Message -----

From: Neil Gillespie

To: maggie.kjer@pearson.com

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 7:51 AM

Subject: use of MMPI-2 by state programs

Good morning,

I am writing for information that would show whether use of MMPI-2 by state programs is a valid screening tool, when used by contracted psychologists, to evaluate adult populations (non-correctional) who are seeking rehabilitation of congenital craniofacial disorders like cleft lip and palate and related speech impairment. Adults with deformities may appear at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) seeking services.

The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) calls for teams of specialists to make this determination. But this becomes an onerous taxpayer expense when teams recommend costly rehabilitation and surgical procedures for adults that may not get much vocational benefit. This is a link to the Team Care page of the ACPA with its recommendations.

http://www.acpa-cpf.org/team_care/

Government agencies are stewards of taxpayer funds and have a duty to vouchsafe those funds. While it is certainly unfortunate that a few people are born deformed, the general population should not bear the cost of what is obviously God's intended plan.

If the MMPI-2 is valid to screen out deformed adults demanding scarce government rehabilitation services, please provide that information, including any white papers.

Thank you in advance for the courtesy of a reply.

Neil J. Gillespie

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