

APPENDIX F

Forensic Service Specifications and Methodology

Intellectual assessment /IQ- Death Penalty Phase One and Two

A. Service Specifications

1. Service Definition:

This service provides for specific assessment and/or consultation to determine and address intellectual functioning, related directly to Arizona Statute 13-753. If the state files a notice of intent to seek the death penalty, the court, unless the defendant objects, shall appoint a pre-screening psychological expert in order to determine the defendant's intelligence quotient using current community, nationally and culturally accepted intelligence testing procedures. There are two independent phases of examination. Phase One is a basic measurement of intelligence. Phase Two is a measure of adaptive functioning when the Phase One IQ is believed to be 75 or below, in order to assess "adaptive behavior" related to the effectiveness or degree to which the defendant meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of the defendant's age and culture group.

1. Standards/licensure requirements:

A license held by the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners at the Doctoral level in Psychology in good standing along with access to at least two different kinds of accepted intelligence testing. Statute defines the provider as "expert in intellectual disabilities" meaning a psychologist licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 17, or 19.1 with at least five years' experience in the testing assessment, evaluation, and diagnosis of intellectual disabilities.

3. Units of Service:

One unit of service is one completed evaluation, as evidenced by a completed report.

4. Service Goals:

To effectively assess a defendant's cognitive abilities and provide a measure of intellect using standardized instruments that meet the Daubert standard of admissibility in a court of law.

5. Service Tasks:

- a. Review referral material and questions, assess the subject's readiness for testing, and develop an evaluation strategy.
- b. Conduct clinical interviews.

c. Provide a written report, which contains:

1. Test results & Interpretation of that data
2. Materials used in forming the opinion
3. Diagnostic statements as applicable which conforms to current DSM terminology

B. Service Delivery Methodology

To accomplish the goal of this task during the term of this agreement, the Contractor will perform the tasks specified and implement a methodology for delivery of services. Please address each item listed below; use additional pages as necessary but conform to the format:

1. What assessment tools and instruments do you use to insure accurate results for Intelligence/IQ assessments? How many different assessment instruments do you have on hand for your use?
2. What specialized experience or credentials do you have to conduct intellectual evaluations? How many (approximate) capital cases have you been engaged to render opinions on intellectual functioning?
3. Please submit no less than 2 samples of intellectual evaluations agency/provider you may have completed. Include any related death penalty evaluations if you have them.