

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of February 20, 2009

Present: Phil Fast, Mary Griffin, Fulvia Franco, Pam Plant

Beta Test

Fulvia reported there were some difficulties in getting the message out to Jordan personnel to begin beta testing the web based Estimator. Consequently, only a few personnel had logged on to the webpage and set up an account. Fulvia promised to keep working to get the word out.

Phil volunteered to help with the beta test. Dick promised to send him direction for how to log on and set up an account.

Written Expression

Mary presented data comparing the approved written expression scores for the KTEA-II and WIAT-II. In the case of the KTEA-II, the Written Language Composite Score was approved which combines Written Expression and Spelling subtests. In the case of the WIAT-II the Written Expression score was approved but not the Written Language Composite that combines Written Expression and Spelling.

Mary moved and Pam seconded that the Written Language Composite score from the WIAT-II be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 6:0 to 19:11. The motion passed.

Mary moved and Pam seconded that the Written Expression Standard Score from the WIAT-II be disapproved as a measure of written expression. The motion passed.

The committee noted that the approved changes allowed for consistency in decision making across tests, i.e. spelling alone is not approved as a measure of written expression. Also, the composite scores have greater reliability than the subtest scores.

RIT Discussion

Committee members were provided copies for two articles:

Martin, J. (2009). When RTI and special ed collide: Child-find, LD, eligibility and other legal challenges. LRP Publications – Conferences.

Hanson, J., Sharman, L. A., & Esparza-Brown, J. (2008). Pattern of strength and weaknesses in specific learning disabilities: What's it all about? Oregon School Psychologists Association.

Pam also bought a book by Dawn Flanagan to share. Committee members will read the articles and discuss them at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2009.