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**DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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TO: Greg Tatum

**C: Diane Cappiello
Julia Vicidomini**

From: Kim Conti KC

Re: Board Agenda

Date: May 6, 2019

Approve The Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey to provide Assistive Technology and or Augmentative and Alternative Communication Evaluations at the rate of \$995.00 per evaluation and combined Assessment of Assistive Technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication \$1,500 per evaluation and Communication training at \$200.00 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year. Not to exceed \$7000.00 (Account #11-000-219-320-01-19)



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The ATLAS Division
Assistive Technology for Living and Advancing Skills

Schedule of Services Augmentative and Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology

CPNJ's ATLAS Division specializes in Assistive and Educational Technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication. We offer an array of assessment and training services.

The ATLAS Team includes Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists and Assistive Technology Practitioners with a combined experience of over 50 years.

ATLAS services focuses on supporting individuals with disabilities in achieving communication, educational, vocational and lifestyle goals, as well as supporting the family, peers and professionals surrounding those individuals. Assistive Technology (AT) services from CPNJ consider and explore tools to address computer access, educational participation, mobile touch technology and some integrated aspects of mobility and daily living skills. AT can also include Educational Technology (ET), which includes specialized software and hardware designed to support learning across academic subjects and standards. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) services address ways of supporting individuals with complex communication needs in their ability to express themselves using supplemental tools.

Fees through June 2020:

Assessment **\$995***

ATLAS team members assess an individual's goals, skills, environment(s) and preferences when considering tools, equipment, strategies and techniques for an Assistive Technology or Augmentative and Alternative Communication system.

Combined Assessment **\$1500***

For assessments that address both Assistive Technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication, more than one practitioner may be warranted to make suggestions for an integrated system of related components and strategies. Combined assessments are also typical for individuals with complex access and/or seating needs.

**Travel time may be added @rate of \$100/hour*

Consultation **\$500**

ATLAS team members can offer suggestions for integrating and maintaining an individual's existing AAC/AT system, maximizing its use throughout the environment and supporting beneficial outcomes for the individual.

Training **\$200/hour**

As a follow-up to assessment services, ATLAS team members can provide technical and clinical training on topics including hardware, software, system creation and implementation techniques. Training sessions can target users, families, support staff and other professionals.

Minimum of two hours per session

Tailored Services **Call for Rates**

The ATLAS team is able to customize educational, therapeutic and administrative services surrounding AT, ET and AAC. Example include: creating accessible curricular and functional activities; maximizing your existing AT inventory; managing your technology resources effectively; expanding your tools and equipment to accommodate a wider range of users; and other collaborative services to target AT and AAC supports.

Professional Development **Call for Rates**

ATLAS team members are available to host and provide on- and off-site family workshops and professional development events on various AAC and AT topics. Rates may vary due to travel time, the length and scope of the presentation, and the number of participants.

Following a request for services, CPNJ requires a funding voucher or letter of intent from the supporting school district or other funding source, securing payment for services. Upon receipt of funding approval, the individual's caregivers will receive an intake packet, which includes a Consent for Services form, a Release of Information form, and an AAC/AT survey. The supporting team will also receive an AAC/AT questionnaire. A CPNJ team member will call to schedule an appointment in the individual's natural environment, typically within four weeks of receiving the completed packet. Upon completion of services, a written report that may include suggestions for equipment, strategies and training is generated and mailed to the funding source.

Contact **Lori Ricco**, Director of Community Services, at 973-821-8128, or email lrizzo@cpnj.org.

ADDENDUM
TO
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND
Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey (CPNJ)

This Addendum to the Contract CPNJ is entered into between the Township of Union Board of Education ("Board") and CPNJ on this 7th day of May, 2019.

In consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and agreements contained in the Contract AAC/AT Evaluations as needed, parties agree as follows:

In accordance with the New Jersey "Pass the Trash" law, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 to 7.13 (hereinafter "Law"), which became effective June 1, 2018, CPNJ hereby acknowledges its obligations under the Law and certifies that it is in compliance with the Law and all obligations required therein. CPNJ agrees to continue to comply with all requirements of the Law during the term of the Contract.

Furthermore, the [COMPANY] shall indemnify, defend, and hold, the Board and its respective officers, employees, servants, agents, assigns and affiliates ("Indemnified Parties"), harmless from and against, any and all suits, actions, liabilities, losses, claims, damages, and expenses including, without limitation, costs of investigation and defense (including costs of private investigation and surveillance), costs for medical treatment, expert witness fees, legal fees (e.g., fees of attorneys, paralegals and other legal professionals for the defense of the underlying suits, etc.), expenses and diminution of value, whether or not involving a third party claim, arising out of or in any manner connected with the Company's compliance with, or lack thereof, its obligations under the Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 to 7.13, to be provided for the Indemnified Parties, including, but not limited to, services performed under this Agreement and Addendum, or any such other work performed for the Indemnified Parties, in any way related to the acts or omissions of the Company, its agents, servants, employees, Subcontractors, subconsultants, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts or omissions they may be legally liable ("Covered Parties") to the extent that such suits, actions, liabilities, losses, claims, damages and expenses are caused by the Covered Parties. If in a given case a court rules that the Company is not negligent and/or did not breach its statutory duty, then the Company no longer has an obligation to defend and indemnify the Board in such case.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

By:

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