



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

From: Lisa Palese, Executive Director

DATE: February 5, 2025

RE: Social Work Intern

The purpose of the memorandum is to discuss the option to move forward with posting a position for a Social Work Intern for the 2025-26 school year. The posting of this position was approved last year, but by the time we posted the position in late May, we could not find a viable candidate. One of our ESY team members is currently enrolled in the Master's Program in Social Work at the University of Illinois. She has requested to complete her internship with us at Mid-Valley because she feels the complexity of our students will prepare her for a role as a social worker for students with disabilities at Mid-Valley or in one of our neighboring districts. In addition, a Social Work Intern would tremendously impact our students. Mid-Valley has open Social Worker positions every year due to the challenges of this position. We also seek the Board's approval to offer an annual stipend of \$9,000.00 for this position. This stipend would match that of D101, D301, and D304 but would be less than the stipend offered by D303. D302 does not currently provide a stipend for this position.