

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: March 7, 2018

RE: VocoVision Agreement

The Executive Director recommends approval of the VocoVision Agreement.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by Cooperative attorneys.

VocoVision is designed to remove language and location barriers so that children can access specialize therapy and educational services through advanced tele-practice technology. Their off-site, specially-trained therapists and educations provide therapy using online and mobile technologies allowing children who were previously unable to receive service can have access to innovative tele-practice.

The service specialties provided by VocoVision include Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Sign-Language Interpreters, teachers of the Visually-Impaired, teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, School Psychologists, Social Workers, and Foreign language matching service

This practice has been approved by the professional National Association of Social Workers (NASW), American Psychological Association (APA), American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

VocoVision services are used by multiple specialized services contracting agencies.

The cost for the teacher of visually impaired will be \$70 per hour for 16 hours per week (\$1,120 per week). This also includes one VocoVision station at no cost.