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**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHECK-INS FOR
THE DANE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

The occupational fatality rate for law enforcement officers is three to five times that of the national average for the working population. Law enforcement officers work long hours, in difficult conditions and face many risks in their daily work including injury from firearms, motor vehicle crashes, coronary vascular disease, and suicide. Law enforcement careers consistently rank in the top ten most stressful professions. The Dane County Sheriff is committed to enhancing officer safety and mental health wellness for all staff at the Dane County Sheriff’s Office including promoting healthy community-police relations. The Sheriff’s Office requests approval of a 5-year contract with Westside Psychotherapy LLC., for mental health and wellness check-ins for Sheriff’s Office staff. The maximum contract amount paid to vendor not to exceed \$450,000 over 5-years, annual contract cost estimated at \$90,000.

Dane County engaged in a competitive bid process for a vendor to provide mental health and wellness check-ins for Sheriff’s Office Staff, Request for Proposal # 121067; Westside Psychotherapy LLC, was the successful vendor in the competitive bid process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a contract is awarded to Westside Psychotherapy for mental health and wellness check-ins for Sheriff’s Office Staff commencing January 1, 2022 and continuing for five-years through December 31, 2026.

NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Dane County Executive and the Dane County Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents for the contract.