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3 **2023 RES-278**

4 **AWARDING A MAJOR CONTRACT TO RISE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIPOC MENTAL**  
5 **HEALTH COALITION**  
6 **DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**

7 The 2023 adopted budget included a plan and funding to establish and develop a  
8 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Mental Health Coalition. The goals of this  
9 coalition are to (a) create an affinity space to explore and respond to the mental health  
10 disparities of BIPOC communities, (b) support and advise participating agencies in their efforts  
11 to address the mental health needs of BIPOC, and (c) advocate for upstream system-level  
12 changes needed to support a system of care grounded in belonging, equity, and antiracism.

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14 The lead agencies initially identified for this project were Anesis Therapy and Journey Mental  
15 Health Center. Due to turnover and other changes that have occurred in the time since the 2023  
16 budget was adopted, RISE will now act as the lead agency for the BIPOC Coalition. Journey  
17 Mental Health Center remains involved in planning activities and will act as a co-convening  
18 agency alongside RISE. The contract with RISE commits the agency to develop and convene  
19 the BIPOC Coalition and to act as a fiscal agent that manages payments to agencies and  
20 individuals as directed in the original plan and the contract.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following contract be awarded and that the  
23 County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement  
24 on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments related to the  
25 execution of the contract.

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27 **Vendor** **Contract Amount**  
28 RISE Wisconsin, Inc. \$135,000