1 SUB 1 TO 2023 RES-278

AWARDING A MAJOR CONTRACT GRANT TO RISE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIPOC MENTAL HEALTH COALITION DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

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

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

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