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 AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) is awarding a grant to Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) to develop and implement a Mental Health and Trauma Recovery program to provide immediate response to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and other workforce challenges for healthcare and public health workers as well as prevent current challenges from further intensifying.

Following a Request for Proposals offered by DCDHS, CAC has been awarded the grant that was authorized in the 2023 adopted budget via amendment HHN-O-9. The grant agreement expires September 13, 2024 and requires CAC to address the needs that were documented in the August 2022 Report of the Health Care and Public Health Workforce Needs Subcommittee. Over the course of the next year, CAC will be completing the activities that were detailed in budget amendment HHN-O-9. Grant payments are structured to pay the provider for progress on and completion of those activities. Required activities include: forming a representative advisory group for the project; complete and publish an assessment of the current state of the healthcare and public health workforce; initiate fundraising and sustainability efforts; assure there are hotlines and/or helplines available for the workforce; establish support group options and pilot deploying a group of peer support specialists; offer training opportunities for Mental Health First Aid for the workforce; and pilot or work with an already-established mobile application for mental health wellbeing of the healthcare and public health workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following grant agreement 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 agreement.

<u>Vendor</u>
Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc.

Amendment Amount
\$621,700

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that unspent funds from 2023 be carried forward for expenditure in 2024.