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Steve Hill, Chair, Bree Collaborative
Foundation for Health Care Quality
705 Second Avenue, Suite 410
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Hill:

SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative End-of-Life Care Report and Recommendations

Thank you and the Bree Collaborative for the *End-of-Life Care Report and Recommendations*. I have reviewed the report and endorse these recommendations to increase awareness, participation and use of planning and directives for end-of-life.

This agency is working to determine how to modify reimbursement policies to encourage more discussion of end-of-life care and planning among providers and patients. As the lead health care agency, we will also work with our state agency partners to promote legal and regulatory changes that will further increase the awareness and use of Physician Ordered Life-Sustaining Treatments statewide.

Should you have questions for concerns, please contact me by phone at 360-725-1523 or via email at dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov.

Thank you and the Bree Collaborative members for your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

Dorothy F. Teeter, MHA
Director