



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

626 8th Avenue, SE • P.O. Box 45502 • Olympia, Washington 98504-5502

October 22, 2018

Hugh Straley, MD
Chair, Robert Bree Collaborative
Foundation for Health Care Quality
705 Second Avenue, Suite 410
Seattle, WA 98104

SUBJECT: Suicide Care Report and Recommendations

Dear Dr. Straley:

We have reviewed and accept the Suicide Care Report and Recommendations developed by the Robert Bree Collaborative. Pursuing and implementing up-to-date, evidence-informed guidelines promises to improve the health and health outcomes of children and adults in Washington.

The Health Care Authority is implementing policies to ease and incentivize access to integrated care for Apple Health clients in Washington. We support greater access to evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention and care programs and will share the current work of the Collaborative across state programs.

Thank you and the Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve the safe and effective purchasing and improvement of health care and overall health in Washington. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Josh Morse, Health Services Section Manager, by phone at 360-725-0839 or via email at Josh.Morse@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN
Director

cc: Judy Zerzan, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CQCT, HCA
Josh Morse, Health Services Section Manager, CQCT, HCA