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

SUBJECT: LGBTQ Health Care Report and Recommendations

Dear Dr. Straley:

We have reviewed and accept the LGBTQ Health Care Report and Recommendations developed by the Robert Bree Collaborative. This is an excellent report. It comes at a time when we hope and need to promote more thoughtful understanding and fairness for those we serve across our health care systems with meaningful, respectful, and evidence-based discussions and training.

We will examine our current measures, standards, and methods and incorporate these recommendations as we can in our 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 telephone at 360-725-0839 or via email at Josh.Morse@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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