
Bree Collaborative | Cervical Cancer Screening Workgroup

July 7, 2021 | 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Kate Zaichkin, MPH, SEIU 775 Benefits Group

Diana Buist, PhD, Kaiser Permanente Washington

Colleen Haller, MPH, Community Health Plan of Washington

Beth Kruse, CNM, Public Health Seattle King County

Jordann Loehr, MD, Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic

Connie Mao, MD, University of Washington Medical Center

STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Amy Etzel, Bree Collaborative

Ginny Weir, MPH, Bree Collaborative

WELCOME

Laura Kate Zaichkin, MPH, SEIU 775 Benefits Group welcomed members to the workgroup.

Motion: Approval of May minutes

Outcome: Passed with unanimous support

REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSS EDITS

Ginny Weir, MPH, Bree Collaborative asked for reactions to the public comments:

- Whether Washington should advocate about FDA covering self-swab. Washington has no control over FDA approval of self-swab. Therefore, no changes will be made in reaction to the public comment.
- Whether to change the language about recommending no cost sharing for follow-up to an abnormal pap.
 - We are saying we want people to be able to have a diagnostic procedure without cost sharing. Is any follow-up within six months – so it is not diagnostic – also not being included.
 - Many people are lost to follow-up, and we don't want that to be a barrier.
 - Oregon laws about coverage of colonoscopy – they cover removal of polyps.
 - Colposcopy is covered but the biopsy might not be.
 - ADD: to Legislature and to health plans. Modify this Oregon language to remove cost sharing for the Colopo and for other similar types of cancer screening including colorectal, breast.
- ADD: to employer language for contracting as a short-term patient protection of last mile of screening.
- Whether we struck the right balance of acknowledging the evolving literature and science, allowing this to be more evergreen. The group agreed we do have the right balance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Zaichkin thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting.