Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative Meeting Minutes  
November 17th, 2021 | 12:30-2:30  
Held Virtually

Members Present

Hugh Straley, MD, Bree Collaborative (Chair)  
Susie Dade, MS, Patient Representative  
DC Dugdale, MD, MS, University of Washington Medical Center  
Gary Franklin, MD, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries  
Stuart Freed, MD, Confluence Health  
Mark Haugen, MD, Physician, Walla Walla Clinic  
Norifumi Kamo, MD, MPP, Virginia Mason Franciscan Medical Center  
Carl Olden, MD, Pacific Crest Family Medicine  
Rick Ludwig, MD, Providence Health  
Greg Marchand, The Boeing Company  
Kimberly Moore, MD, Franciscan Health System  
Drew Oliveira, MD, Regence  
Susane Quistgaard, MD, Premera Blue Cross  
John Robinson, MD, SM, First Choice Health  
Angie Sparks, MD, Kaiser Permanente  
Shawn West, MD, Embright  
Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH, Washington State Health Care Authority

Members Absent

Dan Kent, MD, United Health Care  
Kevin Pieper, MD, MHA, Kadlec Regional Medical Center  
Jeanne Rupert, DO, PhD, The Everett Clinic  
Darcy Jaffe, MN, ARNP, NE-BC, FACHE, Washington State Hospital Association  
Mary Kay O’Neill, MD, MBA, Mercer

Staff and Members of the Public

Jackie Barry, APTA Washington (a chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association)  
Sharon Eloranta, WHA  
Amy Florence, Premera  
Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative  
Robert Mecklenburg, MD  
Leah Hole-Marshall, JD, Washington Health Benefit Exchange  
Tiffany Jones, PharmD PacificSource  
Jason Fodeman, L&I  
Ginny Weir, MPH, Foundation for Health Care Quality

All meeting materials are posted on the Bree Collaborative’s website, here, under previous meetings.

CHAIR REPORT, APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hugh Straley, MD opened the meeting and all that were present introduced themselves by entering information in the chat.

Motion: Approve the September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
Outcome: Passed with unanimous support

FINAL ADOPTION: TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT BUNDLE

Robert Mecklenburg, MD updated the group on the final report for refreshing of Total Joint Replacement Bundle that will be replacing the 2017 bundle. Five substantial changes to the 2017 edition include personal care partner, social determinants of health, surgical implants, same-day discharge, and the open remaining issue being COVID-19 precautions. There were two public comments, one regarding patient-reported outcomes on quality standards and appendix C, with the comment that there was a lack of numerical alignment between the bundle text and survey instruments. The work group reconvened and aligned numbers between the bundle and survey and instruments and added URLs to the survey tools included in the bundle documents for version
control. The other comment was in regard to COVID-19 precautions in Cycle III in the bundle and changing the wording. Upon discussion it was decided that the statement should be following current public health guidelines and practices.

*Motion:* Adopt Final Recommendation for Total Joint Replacement Bundle with the additional language change for COVID-19 precautions that providers will follow current federal, state, and local public health practices for circulating infectious diseases.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

**PRESENTATION: OPIOID PRESCRIBING IN OLDER ADULTS**

Gary Franklin, MD, Washington State Department discussed focus areas and their varied objectives. He continued by sharing a document analyzing non-use of opioids for chronic neuropathic pain. Dr. Franklin also described BEERS recommendation to address co-prescribing, by recommending non-pharmacological pain medications. Some of the non-pharmacologic pain management preliminary recommendation includes physical and cognitive behavioral treatments.

**FINAL ADOPTION: PERINATAL BUNDLE**

Ginny Weir, MPH, FHCQ discussed extended coverage for 12 months in the post-partum period causing reopening of the perinatal bundle and whether it makes sense to create a long bundle or incorporate the original bundle into the new coverage opportunity. She continues, the work group came up with an appendix K that allows for two payment mechanisms with a shared goal of better care coordination, acute and chronic interaction. Ms. Weir goes on to share the summary of services that include initial outreach, midpoint outreach, and final outreach with the big concern being that information and continuity of care happens from that initial bundle to the PMPM with minimum of three pieces of interaction.

*Motion:* Adopt Revision Recommendation for Perinatal Bundle.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

**DISCUSSION: TOPICS FOR 2022**

Hugh Straley, MD, Bree Collaborative Chair outlined the scope of the topic recommendations discussed at the end of the last meeting including: infection control, hepatitis C, pediatric asthma, and low back pain. For infection control, there was review of evidence for outpatient prevention and control for prevalent infectious diseases with recommendation that practical and evidence-based methods implement infection control in outpatient settings. The next topic hepatitis C will review most recent USPSTF and CDC recommendations for screening and developed evidenced-based guidelines for screening in Washington with assessment of risk, benefits, and implementation strategies. In regard to pediatric asthma, review of the most recent guidelines for screening, diagnosis, and treatment with recommended evidence-based guidelines to identify the population at risk, appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment protocols should be implemented. For the final topic of low back pain, the key question of does it meet the guidelines has opened up debate for whether the topic should reopen and how the Collaboration can add value to either guidelines or the Washington Health Alliance efforts.

*Motion:* To remove low back pain as a topic for 2022.

*Outcome:* Passed with majority support.

**NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING COMMENTS**

Dr. Hugh Straley thanked those who presented and closed the meeting.

**Next Bree Collaborative Meeting:** January 26th 2022 | 12:30 – 2:30 | Zoom