**Problem Statement**

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is the most common chronic blood-borne pathogen in the US and a leading cause of complications from chronic liver disease.¹ In 2018, an estimated 59,100 Washingtonians were living with HCV, prompting Governor Inslee to issue Directive of the Governor 18-13: “Eliminating Hepatitis C in Washington in 2030 through combined public health efforts and a new medication purchasing approach.”²

**Aim**

To increase evidence-informed screening, monitoring, and access to treatment for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) to reduce the burden of HCV in Washington state.

**Purpose**

To propose evidence-informed recommendations to the full Bree Collaborative on achieving HCV elimination including:

- Monitoring HCV prevalence and treatment using existing metrics or through new data strategies.
- Improving access to patient-centered preventative and screening services for HCV.
- Improving equitable access to HCV treatment and intervention services.
- Building clinical capacity and simplifying clinical workflows to diagnose and treat HCV.
- Identifying and engaging underserved patients with HCV.
- Training and incentivizing primary care providers on how to treat HCV.
- Increasing HCV awareness, education, and reducing stigma.
- Engaging pharmacists as a care team partner.
- Developing reimbursement models to reach patients with HCV in outside of traditional delivery systems.

**Duties & Functions**

The workgroup will:

- Research evidence-informed and expert-opinion informed guidelines and best practices for screening, monitoring, and treating HCV (emerging and established).
- Identify current barriers and future opportunities for implementing interventions.
- Consult relevant professional associations and other stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts for feedback, as appropriate.
- Align with other related state-wide initiatives and Hep C Free Washington.
- Maintain an equity lens while developing recommendations.
- Meet for approximately nine months, as needed.
- Provide updates at Bree Collaborative meetings.
- Post draft report(s) on the Bree Collaborative website for public comment prior to sending report to the Bree Collaborative for approval and adoption.
- Present findings and recommendations in a report.

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• Recommend data-driven and practical implementation strategies including metrics or a process for measurement.
• Create and oversee subsequent subgroups to help carry out the work, as needed.
• Revise this charter as necessary based on scope of work.

Structure

The workgroup will consist of individuals confirmed by Bree Collaborative members or appointed by the chair of the Bree Collaborative. The Bree Collaborative director and program coordinator will staff and provide management and support services for the workgroup.

Less than the full workgroup may convene to: gather and discuss information; conduct research; analyze relevant issues and facts; or draft recommendations for the deliberation of the full workgroup. A quorum shall be a simple majority and shall be required to accept and approve recommendations to send to the Bree Collaborative.

Meetings

The workgroup will hold meetings as necessary. Bree Collaborative staff will conduct meetings, arrange for the recording of each meeting, and distribute meeting agendas and other materials prior to each meeting. Additional workgroup members may be added at the discretion of the Bree Collaborative director.

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