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**Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 1:00-3:00**  
**Held Virtually**

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**Members Present**

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Hugh Straley, MD, Bree Collaborative (Chair)  
Norifumi Kamo, MD, MPP, Virginia Mason  
Franciscan Medical Center  
Susane Quistgaard, MD, Premera Blue Cross  
Sharon Eloranta, WHA  
Mark Haugen, MD, Physician, Walla Walla Clinic  
Carl Olden, MD, Pacific Crest Family Medicine  
Kevin Pieper, MD, MHA, Kadlec Regional Medical  
Center  
Mary Kay O'Neill, MD, MBA, Merc

Susie Dade, MS, Patient Representative  
Kimberly Moore, MD, Franciscan Health System  
John Robinson, MD, SM, First Choice Health  
Rick Ludwig, MD, Providence Health  
Darcy Jaffe, MN, ARNP, NE-BC, FACHE, Washington  
State Hospital Association  
Jaymie Mai, PharmD, (for Gary Franklin),  
Washington State Department of Labor and  
Industries

**Members Absent**

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Dan Kent, MD, United Health Care  
DC Dugdale, MD, MS, University of Washington  
Care Medical Center  
Angie Sparks, MD, Kaiser Permanente  
Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH, Washington State Health  
Care Authority

Jeanne Rupert, DO, PhD, The Everett Clinic  
Stuart Freed, MD, Confluence Health  
Greg Marchand, The Boeing Company

**Staff and Members of the Public**

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Ginny Weir, MPH, FHCQ  
Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative  
Amelina Kassa, FHCQ  
Leah Hole-Marshall, (WA-HBE)  
Amy Florence, Premera  
Tiffany Jones, PharmD PacificSource

Colleen Daly, PhD, Microsoft  
Jackie Barry, APTA Washington (a chapter of the  
Aviva Horowitz, Pacific Source  
American Physical Therapy Association)  
Luis Padilla, PacificSource Health Plans  
Beth Shervey

All meeting materials are posted on the Bree Collaborative's website, [here](#), under previous meetings.

**CHAIR REPORT, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

*Motion:* Approve the November 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support

**TOPIC UPDATE: OPIOID PRESCRIBING IN OLDER ADULTS**

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Jaymie Mai, L&I presented on progress with the goal of a draft for public comment in March and focused on tapering and de-prescribing, intermittent use, and medication therapy management. She risks based on different characteristics of tapers, that people need to be supported and the taper should be gradual. Older adults have higher risks for polypharmacy and need medication, required for Medicare part D plans. Intermittent use was added as a topic due to several patient members bringing up the need to address access, particularly to intermittent opioid use for chronic conditions with sporadic pain flair.

## **TOPIC INTRODUCTIONS: INFECTION CONTROL**

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Mark Haugen, MD, Physician, Walla Walla Clinic opened his presentation by noting the members in the infection control workgroup are still limited and that it needs more members to expand and get better perspectives. When looking at the aim of the topic, the workgroup decided that the focus is primarily on standardizing infection control practices in the outpatient setting to mitigate the spread of prevalent infectious diseases. Some of the evidence-based recommendations that need to be addressed in the groups include developing protocols, surveillance of infectious disease transmissibility, developing clinical workflows, partnering with patients to provide education about risk, engagement with community leaders, benefit designs and incentives, and applying existing infection control guidelines.

*Motion:* Adopt charter for Infection Control.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

## **TOPIC INTRODUCTIONS: HEPATITIS C AND PEDIATRIC ASTHMA**

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Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative outlined the Hepatitis C workgroup and alignment with the Department of Health and Hep C free Washington. The workgroup aims to increase evidence-informed screening, monitoring, and access to treatment, with a focus on monitoring treatment process, access to treatment, and treatment compliance since that is where the biggest gaps are in the state. For pediatric asthma, aim is to increase evidence-informed prevention, screening, diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment for pediatric asthma to reduce the burden of the disease in Washington state. The purpose of the workgroup is to prevent new asthma cases, appropriately diagnose asthma and define medically high-risk asthma, improve access and implementation of the treatment protocol, develop metrics and partner with patients for medication compliance, engage the community support and broader public health programs, address home school and community environment, and disseminate and inform clinicians of ongoing evidence-based guidelines.

*Motion:* Adopt charter for Hepatitis C and Pediatric Asthma.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

## **DISCUSSION: SOCIAL NEEDS AND HEALTH EQUITY**

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Ginny Weir, MPH, FHCQ updated the group on the work being done for social needs and health equity with the first being a series of webinars that will be held in 2022 with the Washington Health Alliance that support value-based care. She reviewed the social needs guideline framework developed last year.. Another component is a preliminary conversation that Bree had with CoMagine to help identify a space where the two organizations and others can help in this defining health equity. Starting with an environmental scan, data, and stratification.

## **DISCUSSION: COVID-19 IMPACT AND RESOURCES**

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Hugh Straley, MD, Bree Collaborative Chair closes the meeting by asking group members to give their insight on the impact that COVID-19 has had on their work. Members discussed deferring elective surgery similar to the beginning of the start of covid, that the Omicron surge was unlike anything seen in primary care due to a spike in pediatric cases or suspected cases, high numbers of nurses from FEMA as well as national guard members completing non-clinical work to assist with the surge, closing down all laboratories due to a shortage of phlebotomists, aside from one functional outpatient clinical laboratory, and exhaustion.

## **NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING COMMENTS**

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

**Next Bree Collaborative Meeting:** March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 | 1:00 – 3:00 | Zoom