
Bree Collaborative | Hepatitis C Workgroup

March 3, 2022 | 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abha Puri, MPH, Community Health Plan of Washington

Angelica Bedrosian, MSW, Hepatitis Education Project

Aura Payne, Hepatitis Education Project

Claire Mocha, MPH, Washington State Department of Health

Emalie Hurlaux, MPH, Washington State Department of Health

John Scott, MD, MSc, University of Washington

Jon Stockton, MHA, Washington State Department of Health

Judith Tsui, MD, MPH, University of Washington

Michael Ninburg, MPA, Hepatitis Education Project

Monica Graybeal, PharmD, Yakima Valley Farm Worker's Clinic

Omar Daoud, PharmD, Community Health Plan of Washington

Patrick Judkins, Thurston County Health Department

Ryan Pistorosi, PharmD, MS, Washington State Health Care Authority

Wendy Wong, BSc, Providence Health and Services

STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative

Ginny Weir, MPH, Foundation for Health Care Quality

WELCOME

Nick Locke, Bree Collaborative, welcomed everyone to the Bree Collaborative's Hepatitis C virus (HCV) workgroup. Those present introduced themselves.

Mr. Locke introduced the February minutes for approval.

Decision: February minutes were approved unanimously

PRIORITY AREAS OVERVIEW

Mr. Locke discussed the work up to this point to develop focus areas and align with Hep C Free Washington's previous work. At the February meeting, Hep C Free Washington described their clinical priorities and expressed hope that the Bree workgroup could continue to develop action steps for high-priority items.

- Workgroup members agreed that this year could focus on the existing blueprint from Hep C Free Washington and build from there.
 - While the workgroup builds on the existing work from Hep C Free Washington there is the potential to update recommendation language and triage the recommendations we choose to address.
- The broad priorities that this workgroup wants to address include:
 - Integrating pharmacists into the care team – two of the top six recommendations from the clinical strategies workgroup focus on this topic
 - Common Measures Set metric – widely seen as the most important change we could make/recommend.
 - Improving local public health jurisdictions and disease intervention services
- Additional priorities that this workgroup would like to examine include:

- Case management for Hep C services – whether through expanding title 19 services beyond HIV to HCV or improving other care connections
- Expanding low-barrier treatment access – such as including HCV services at OUD sites, improving testing and access to care.

WORKPLAN REVIEW

Claire Mocha , MPH, Washington State Department of Health, presented on the next phase of the Hep C Free Washington project, which includes developing potential action plans for the existing recommendations.

Workgroup members discussed the potential to adapt the action plan to the identified priority areas.

- The sections on funding needed and timelines may be hard to determine, but can start a discussion about necessary next steps
- Should add a new tab for outcome measures/measures of success for each action item.
- We can adapt this overall document to our goals, but specific priorities may need additional work – such as determining a metric to add to the Common Measures Set.

To Do: Ms. Locke will organize the priorities that were discussed by the group to dive into further. Next month's meeting will focus on adding a metric to the Common Measures Set

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Locke invited final comments or public comments, then thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting. The workgroup's next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7th, 2022. In March the workgroup will review priority topics and develop focus areas for recommendations.