
Bree Collaborative | Infection Control Workgroup

February 14, 2022 | 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Haugen (chair), MD, Walla Walla Clinic & Surgical Center
Anne Sumner, BSN, MBA, Baker Boyer Bank
Cathy Carroll, Washington State Health Care Authority
Faiza Zafar, DO, FACOI, Community Health Plan of Washington

Larissa Lewis, MPH, RN, CIC WA Department of Health
Lisa Hannah, BS, RN, CIC, WA Department of Health
Lisa Waldowski, DNP, CIC, Kaiser Permanente
Rhonda Bowen, CIC, CPPS, CPHQ, Comagine Health

STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nick Locke, MPH, Bree Collaborative
Ginny Weir, MPH, Bree Collaborative

WELCOME

Nick Locke, Bree Collaborative, welcomed everyone to the Bree Collaborative's Infection Control workgroup. With several new members present, members introduced themselves and described their current work with infection control.

Decision: Adopt January 10th Minutes

CHARTER UPDATES

Mr. Locke shared the workgroup's charter with edits from the full Bree meeting in January. Mark Haugen, MD, Walla Walla Clinic, discussed feedback from the Bree. Minor edits included:

- Being clear about the outpatient setting
- Aligning jurisdiction issues for federal, state, and local public health.
- Workgroup members recommended adding manufacturer regulation alignment as well.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PRESENTATION

Larissa Lewis and Lisa Hannah, CIC, presented on current WA Department of Health Infection Control Guidelines. The presentation covered current WA state COVID-19 statistics, resources for infection control from the CDC and the DOH, and the various infection control programs currently ongoing. Currently the Department of Health has focused on Long-term Care and Hospital settings.

Those present discussed:

- How the Bree's infection control workgroup can support ongoing efforts via dissemination, and developing outpatient-specific recommendations
- How to include other outpatient services such as dental or injection clinics
- Reviewing current language from the CDC and the DOH and making it more specific for outpatient settings.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION FRAMEWORK

Dr. Haugen presented a list of potential recommendations that he developed for outpatient infection control for workgroup feedback. The document mainly focused on providers, including notification/education, treating currently infected patients, treating high-risk patients, and treating low-

risk patients. Further sections for conversation included Employers, Insurers, Government/Public Health, and Patients.

Workgroup members added their comments to the current draft:

- Potential to review OSHA and CDC guidelines as we draft our own framework
- Potential to add a focus area/section for staff – proper PPE/behavior for break rooms and staffing concerns.
- Potential to add focus areas about workflow, sterilization, or signage
- We should hone in on our target audience (providers only, or expand to include staff, patients, admin, etc) and our scope (all outpatient settings, or mainly primary/urgent care).
- Smaller organizations still need assistance getting high-quality recommendations and providing action plans based on data. There is an opportunity for us to step into this space.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND CLOSE

Dr. Haugen thanked everyone for attending and opened up space for public comment. With no public comments, the workgroup adjourned. The next workgroup meeting will be held on March 14, 2022, and will focus on determining a target audience/scope, and finalizing our focus areas for recommendations.

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