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February 13, 2015

Steve Hill, Chair
Robert Bree Collaborative
Foundation for Health Care Quality
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Dear Mr. Hill:

SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative Addiction and Dependence Treatment Report and Recommendations

Thank you for submitting the Addiction and Dependence Treatment Report and Recommendations from the Bree Collaborative. I have reviewed and now approve this work and the specific recommendations to improve awareness, and integrated screening and treatment of substance use disorders.

Together with our partner state agencies, Health Care Authority continues to lead purchasing and policy efforts toward better access and quality of care for those in need of substance abuse treatment. These are in addition to efforts targeted at providers to improve evidence-based practices and resources when prescribing medications with potential for misuse. The work of the Collaborative is another important step and will improve our ability to provide better guidance and more integrated services.

If you have questions for concerns, please contact me by telephone at 360-725-1523 or via email at dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Dorothy F. Teeter, MHA
Director

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