

**The Bree Collaborative**  
**Risk of Violence to Others Charter and Roster**

**Problem Statement**

Since the 2016 Washington State Supreme Court decision *Volk v. DeMeerleer*, patients may be reluctant to engage with health care providers about their violence risk. Health care providers may also be uncertain about how to meet their legal obligations.

**Aim**

To recommend clinical best practices for patients with risk of violence.

**Purpose**

To propose evidence-based recommendations to the full Bree Collaborative on:

- Assessing an individual's risk for violence
- Identifying risk factors for violence
- Weighing the patient right to confidentiality versus duty to protect
- Actions to take when there is a concern about an individual's risk for violence including treatment
- Discharging patients
- Record-keeping to decrease variation in practice patterns in these areas
- Augmenting the Bree Collaborative Suicide Care recommendations
- Identifying other areas of focus, or modifying areas, as needed

**Duties & Functions**

The Homicidal and Suicidal Ideation workgroup will:

- Research evidence-based and expert-opinion informed guidelines and best practices (emerging and established).
- Consult relevant professional associations and other stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts for feedback, as appropriate.
- 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.
- Recommend data-driven and practical implementation strategies.
- 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 or the workgroup chair. The chair of the workgroup will be appointed by the chair of the Bree Collaborative. The Bree Collaborative program director and program assistant 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. The director will conduct meetings along with the chair, 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 workgroup chair.

Name	Title	Organization
Kim Moore, MD (chair)	Associate Chief Medical Director	CHI Franciscan
G. Andrew Benjamin, JD, PhD, ABPP	Clinical Psychologist, Affiliate Professor of Law	University of Washington
Kate Comtois, PhD, MPH	Professor	Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Harborview Medical Center
Jaclyn Greenberg, JD, LLM	Policy Director, Legal Affairs	Washington State Hospital Association
Laura Groshong, LICSW	Member	Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work
Ian Harrel, LCISW	Representative	Behavioral Health Council
Neetha Mony	State Suicide Prevention Plan Program Manager, Injury & Violence Prevention	Prevention and Community Health, Washington State Department of Health
Kelli Nomura, MBA	Behavioral Health Administrator	King County
Mary Ellen O'Keefe, ARNP, MN, MBA	Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing; President Elect	Association of Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
Jennifer Piel, MD, JD	Psychiatrist	Department of Psychiatry, University of Washington
Julie Rickard, PhD	Program Director	American Behavioral Health Systems - Parkside
Samantha Slaughter, PsyD	Member	WA State Psychological Association
Jeffrey Sung, MD	Member	Washington State Psychiatric Association
Amira Whitehill, MFT	Member	Washington Association for Marriage and Family Therapists
Hold for Certified counselor		
Hold for Mental health counselor		