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Hugh Straley, MD
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Dear Dr. Straley:

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SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative Prostate Cancer Screening Report and Recommendations

Thank you for your correspondence of December 2, 2015 regarding the Prostate Cancer Screening Report and Recommendations. We have reviewed the report and recommendations and accept this excellent work for use by the Health Care Authority (HCA) and partner agencies. This thorough review and sensible strategy to emphasize patient education and shared decision-making for prostate cancer screening is clear and well thought out given the uncertainty, risks, and limited alternatives to the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test. We are nearing completion of a new shared decision aid certification process that will enable the HCA and our partner organizations to identify and support high quality tools to improve health care decision-making for patients and their providers.

Thank you and the Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve health care in Washington. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me by telephone at 360-725-1523 or via email at dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Dorothy

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