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Dear Dr. Straley:

SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative Adoption of the Pediatric Psychotropic use Report and Recommendations

Thank you for your correspondence of November 28, 2016, regarding the Bree Collaborative Adoption of the Pediatric Psychotropic use Report and Recommendations. We have reviewed the report and recommendations for use of psychotropic medications in the pediatric population and accept the recommendations. This is an extremely important topic that the Health Care Authority has been working on for years with the Washington State Legislature, the pediatric community, and Brandeis University.

Despite our wishes, the need to diagnose and treat serious emotional disturbances in children and young adults is real. Recommendations that support appropriate and safe prescribing when medications are used will be of great benefit. The development of these recommendations through the Bree Collaborative will assure a wide audience is made aware of appropriate prescribing practices and is in line with our continued work of integrating behavioral and physical health services in Washington State. We will review and implement changes as we can across our programs to better support the children, families, and providers needing more options and more integrated behavioral health services.

Thank you and the Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve health care in Washington State. 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,

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