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**Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative Meeting**

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Group Health Cooperative**

320 Westlake Avenue North

Suite 100 | Seattle WA 98109

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**Members Present**

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Roki Chauhan, MD, Premera Blue Cross\*  
Susie Dade, Washington Health Alliance  
Stuart Freed, MD, Wenatchee Valley Medical Center  
Tom Fritz, Inland Northwest Health Services  
Joe Gifford, MD, Providence Health & Services  
Rick Goss, MD, Harborview Medical Center  
Steve Hill, Bree Collaborative Chair  
Leah Hole-Marshall (for Gary Franklin), WA State Labor and Industries  
Christopher Kodama, MD, MultiCare Health System

MaryAnne Lindeblad, MD, Health Care Authority\*  
Greg Marchand, the Boeing Company  
Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Virginia Mason  
Carl Olden, MD, Pacific Crest Family Medicine\*  
Mary Kay O'Neill, MD, Regence Blue Shield  
John Robinson, MD, First Choice Health  
Terry Rogers, MD, Foundation for Health Care Quality (FHCQ), Vice Chair  
Kerry Schaefer, King County  
Bruce Smith, MD, Group Health Cooperative

**Members Absent**

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Jay Tihinen, Costco

**Staff/Guests**

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Cassie Beal, Providence Health and Services  
Sharon Brigner, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
Lisa Butler, Washington State Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
Maureen Collins, Care Core National  
Ian Corbridge, WSHA  
Chris Dale, MD, Swedish Medical Group  
Kathryn Downie, Foundation for Health Care Quality  
Peter Dunbar, MD, University of Washington  
Suzanne Henry, Consumers Union  
Rex Johnson, Washington Advocates for Patient Safety  
Ellen Kauffman, Foundation for Health Care Quality  
Dan Lessler, MD, Health Care Authority\*  
Alice Marshall, Foundation for Health Care Quality

Lisa McGiffert, Consumers Union  
Daniela Nunez, Consumers Union  
Bob Perna, WSMA  
Linda Radach, Washington Advocates for Patient Safety  
Carrie Rose, MD, Dr. Robert Bree Family  
Dwight Schrag, Washington Advocates for Patient Safety  
Judy Schurke  
Jeff Thompson, MD, Mercer  
Wendy Tihista, A1A Inc Representing DePuy Synthes  
Emily Transue, MD  
Ginny Weir, Foundation for Health Care Quality  
Shawn West, Coordinated Care  
Yanling Yu, Washington Advocates for Patient Safety

\* By phone/web conference

Approved by the Bree Collaborative, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Agenda and all meeting materials are posted on the Bree Collaborative's website, [here](#), under the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CHAIR REPORT & APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> BREE COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

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Steve Hill, Bree Collaborative Chair, welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. All those present introduced themselves. Mr. Hill said that the Bree Collaborative needs a new meeting space. Dr. Rick Goss, Bree member, updated the group on progress in the Potentially Avoidable Readmissions topic area including talking to the Washington State Hospital Association, Qualis Health, and others. Bree members expressed concern around standardization of the readmissions process and requested Dr. Goss formally present at the March Bree meeting.

*Motion:* To approve the [minutes](#) for the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

#### **ACCOUNTABLE PAYMENT MODELS (APM) WORKGROUP UPDATE**

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Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Bree member and APM Workgroup Chair, gave an overview of the [charter and roster](#) for the APM Workgroup. Dr. Mecklenburg discussed the Workgroup's plan to focus on spine surgery, specifically lumbar fusion. Bree members discussed that while back surgery rates appear to be decreasing, the percentage of those that are lumbar fusions are increasing; concerns that the Bree recommendations would default to current standards; and the potential for strong appropriateness criteria to decrease the volume of inappropriate procedures. Bree members also discussed the roster and suggested additional content experts and resources.

*Motion:* To approve the APM Workgroup charter and roster.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

#### **CONSUMERS UNION SAFE PATIENT PROJECT**

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Lisa McGiffert of the Consumer's Union Safe Patient project summarized the organization's work nationally and proposed work to develop a TKR/THR implant warranty.

#### **BREE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (BIT) UPDATE**

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Dan Lessler, MD, BIT Chair, presented an update on BIT activities. Dr. Lessler discussed work done to support the Spine SCOAP recommendation and announced that the HCA is endorsing the recommendation. Dr. Lessler discussed the potential future areas of work including cardiology, TKR/THR bundle and warranty and/or obstetrics.

## **END OF LIFE/ADVANCE DIRECTIVE (EOL) WORKGROUP UPDATE**

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John Robinson, MD, Bree member and chair of the End of Life/Advance Directive (EOL) Workgroup gave a presentation on the first EOL Workgroup meeting and presented the [charter and roster](#). Bree members expressed the importance of aligning the workgroup's efforts with other end of life initiatives in Washington.

*Motion:* To approve the EOL Workgroup charter and roster.

*Outcome:* Passed with unanimous support.

## **THE ROLE OF ANESTHESIOLOGY IN THE PERIOPERATIVE SURGICAL HOME**

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Peter Dunbar, MD, MBA, Associate Professor, Anesthesiology, University of Washington gave a [presentation](#) on the concept of anesthesiologists serving as leads in the perioperative surgical process.

## **ADDICTION/DEPENDENCE TREATMENT TOPIC AREA**

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Terry Rogers, MD, CEO of the Foundation for Health Care Quality and vice-chair of the Bree Collaborative led a discussion of the addiction/dependence treatment topic area including financial and social impact. Dr. Rogers suggested a focus on having a standard question or series of questions that is part of the chart as a way to reliably identify drug and alcohol dependence. Bree members raised several issues that the workgroup should consider including: the community lacking the necessary treatment resources, socioeconomic status contributing to addiction, and issues in communication between health providers.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Dr. Rogers thanked all for attending and asked for final public comments.