
Bree Collaborative | Health Impacts of Extreme Heat

September 11th, 2024 | 3-4:30PM

Hybrid

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Brad Kramer, PHSKC
Kristina Petsas, United Healthcare
Seth Doyle, NWRPCA
LuAnn Chen, CHPW
Sara Warner, CHPW
Randy Moeller, Thurston County MRC
Stefan Wheat, UWMC

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Chris Chen, WA HCA
June Spector, L&I
Onora Lien, NWHRN

Raj Sundar, KP

STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Beth Bojkov, MPH, RN, Bree Collaborative
Emily Nudelman, DNP, RN, Bree Collaborative
Karie Nicholas, MA, GC, Bree Collaborative
Rad Cunningham, DOH
Asa Sakrison, HCA

WELCOME

Beth Bojkov, Bree Collaborative, welcomed everyone to the September meeting. Beth asked for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes.

Motion to approve August meeting minutes: **motion approved.**

DRAFT GUIDELINES REVIEW

Beth transitioned the group to reviewing the draft report and guidelines. The following suggestions/changes were made through group discussion:

Clinicians

- Direct Interdisciplinary Care Team -> Clinicians
- Specifically call out actions for social workers, care managers, pharmacists and other team members in the clinician section
- Call for more specific directions for patients with chronic conditions
 - Action: review if there are more specific guidelines for how to manage patients with chronic conditions in the heat or wildfire smoke

Health Care Facilities

- Add language to encourage facilities to become more energy efficient

- Add suggestion for systems to update hazard vulnerability assessments:
<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/3/hazard-vulnerability-risk-assessment/1#plans-tools-and-templates>
- Add 211 as a resource for cooling centers
 - Remove bullet on operating waiting rooms for cooling shelters/centers – too high infection risk and not prepared
 - DOH putting together guidelines for cooling centers soon
 - Mental health first aid training needed? Not sure
- Add bullet on facility level staff surge planning
- We need a separate section for urgent care – they will not see themselves in these guidelines if they are not specifically called out.
- Add call out specifically for cold water immersion for hospitals/ED's – added to urgent care clinics
- Propose a separate section for in home services/home health
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Long Term Care

- No edits so far

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Beth invited final comments and thanks all for attending. At the next workgroup meeting, the group will continue to review the report draft. The workgroup's next meeting will be on Wednesday October 9th from 3-4:30PM.