



**CCO Advisory Councils  
Report to the Governing Board  
July 2015**

**Rural Advisory Council**

The Rural Advisory Council met at Trillium on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The RAC welcomed Connie Hoffman, from Creswell, who has applied for membership. Connie is a Trillium member who would like to use her experiences to help others. The RAC will have the opportunity to approve her application at the meeting in August.

Debi Farr gave the Trillium report and answered some questions about the legislative session. Leah reported on the CAC meeting and shared the results from the CAC member and chair elections.

The group discussed some items from the CAC Summit in June. Char reported on Trillium's response to the issues around accessibility. She also reported that the Transformation Center is organizing an Accessibility Advisory Committee. There was also concern about the Tobacco Quit line and questions about its effectiveness. Lucy volunteered to provide information about Trillium's tobacco cessation benefits and their effectiveness at a future meeting.

The next community that the RAC is focusing on is Oakridge. Some data about health issues was shared, but the members requested that the information be provided in a more understandable format. Leah will provide that information for review in August. The group will review the information and then extend an invitation to contacts in Oakridge to act as a focus group around health issues. It is our hope that this focus group will provide valuable information for both Trillium and the Community Health Assessment. The October meeting will take place in Oakridge and be dedicated to the focus group.

The RAC members shared their experience of the Community Health Assessment visioning meeting. Everyone who participated felt very positive. People were pleased that rural voices were heard. There were some technical challenges and recommendations for logistical improvements. Leah shared the next steps with the group, including the survey to be released the last week of July and planned focus groups. The RAC agreed to serve as a focus group in order to share their rural perspectives.