



Rural Advisory Council

The Rural Advisory Council met on October 11th in Florence Oregon. Mira Gattis, of HACSA, gave a presentation about HACSA's healthy tenant policies. She explained the process HACSA used to create smoke-free properties, what the response was from the community and how the policy is enforced. There was a discussion about how the RAC and CAC could partner with HACSA to help tenants make healthier choices and use their health care in the most effective way. The discussion will be moved forward by the Member Engagement Committee.

The RAC members discussed the features of the VERB Scorecard program and the benefits of bringing it to a community. They analyzed their options for which communities were ready to support the program and identified Cottage Grove, Florence and Venetta as the "pilot" communities. Members listed key community partners in each city and identified opportunities for program support. It was decided that the next steps would be to develop have more in-depth knowledge of the program by asking Jennifer Webster to present at the next meeting, to develop a list of key contacts in each city (with names, contact info, etc.) and to develop a plan for a meeting of key partners in each city. The target date for these meetings would be in January of 2014.

The group heard an update of the activities of Cover Oregon. They discussed a renewed effort to recruit two more members by the end of the year.