



**CCO Advisory Councils
Report to the Governing Board
April 2016**

Rural Advisory Council (RAC):

The RAC meet by phone on April 8th. They heard the presentation on Opioid prescribing guidelines and had a good discussion. There is concern that the alternative pain management services will not be available in rural areas. There was concern that decreasing opioid use without a plan for making alternatives readily available in rural areas could increase the use of illegal drugs.

There was a request that Trillium do additional outreach in rural areas to make sure people are aware of the prescription guideline changes and how to access alternative pain management options.