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## Talking Points HB 2133

My name is Debi Farr; I represent Trillium Community Health Plan, the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) in Lane County. Trillium opposes HB 2133.

The Trillium CCO was launched August 1, 2012 and provides access to the Oregon Health Plan to approximately 55,000 residents of Lane County. The Trillium CCO (governing) Board and the Community and Rural Advisory Councils have been meeting now for barely six months. During this time we have demonstrated successful communication between the two bodies.

The role of the Trillium Board is to provide governance to the CCO. Trillium Board members are leaders in their organizations and have experience writing business plans. A CCO board must have a majority of its board members carry the financial risk inside the CCO. Because Trillium is a private business entity, we must make business decisions to ensure the long term viability of the CCO. Additionally, CCOs must make contract decisions and these discussions during a public Advisory Council meeting would hurt the CCOs' negotiating ability, increasing the cost of providing care.

Community Advisory Councils are *as their name implies* and advisory body. The Trillium CAC and RAC each have a representative on our governing board so already have input into Trillium's business plan. The responsibility of the CAC and RAC is to make recommendations to the governing Board that will improve the health of our OHP beneficiaries and the community. They are not equipped to make financial decisions regarding the CCO. Giving them fiscal responsibility will divide their focus which should be aimed at providing access to quality care and improving health.

I urge you to vote no on HB 2133.