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Talking Points SB 412

My name is Debi Farr; I represent Trillium Community Health Plan, the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) in Lane County. Trillium opposes SB 412.

Trillium provides the Oregon Health Plan to approximately 55,000 residents of Lane County. The Trillium CCO was launched August 1, 2012 and the Trillium CCO (governing) Board began meeting August 13. Trillium CCO board members are leaders in their organizations, well versed in the strategic goals of the CCO and committed to providing a high level of healthcare in Lane County. Issues are advanced at the board level that can at times be considered sensitive and board members require latitude to discuss these issues privately in order to make the complicated decisions required of them. Instead of public *meetings* the board decided to make board *minutes* public and to schedule regular community conversations, to provide updates on the CCOs progress and initiatives. Meeting minutes are available on the Trillium website and Community Board Conversations have been well received by the community.

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) and Rural Advisory Council (RAC) meetings are open to the public. In fact the first ten minutes of each CAC and RAC meeting is dedicated to public comments. We have received both oral and written testimony at these meetings and members of the media have been in attendance. Additionally, a representative from the CAC and RAC attend monthly board meetings, providing the board with a report of advisory council business. In turn these same representatives report back to their fellow advisory council members regarding the agenda of Trillium CCO Board meetings. Communication between these groups is working well without conflict.

Finally, Trillium as a CCO has just begun the work of transforming healthcare in Lane County. The Trillium CCO Board and advisory councils have participated in regular meetings for barely six months. During this time we have actively provided two way communication with the public. The legislation before you today is unnecessary and has the potential to undermine our successful efforts.

I urge you to vote no on SB 412.