

April 15, 2013

Chair Greenlick, Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

Trillium opposes HB 2960. Public Meeting requirements are expensive and onerous. The legislation before you today is unnecessary and has the potential to undermine our successful efforts.

Trillium Community Health Plan, the Lane County Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) provides Oregon Health Plan benefits to approximately 55,000 members. The Trillium CCO was launched August 1, 2012 and the Trillium CCO (governing) Board and Advisory Councils have been meeting less than a year.

Trillium CCO Board meeting minutes are published on the Trillium website and regular public meetings are scheduled to discuss the CCOs efforts, allowing for public comments and questions. In fact, a public community conversation with Trillium CCO Board members is scheduled April 25, 6-7:30pm at Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. This is the second public meeting we have hosted since becoming a CCO and one of two more planned for this year.

The Trillium Community Advisory Council (CAC) and Rural Advisory Council (RAC) meet monthly and meetings are open to the public. The first ten minutes of CAC and RAC meetings are dedicated to public comment. The Trillium CAC and RAC 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 Trillium CCO Board business. 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. During this time we have actively provided two way communication opportunities with the public. Trillium has worked with local media regarding our efforts resulting in multiple articles in the Register Guard, The Lund Report and Siuslaw News, plus interviews on television and radio. Most recently Trillium worked with a reporter from The New York Times where our prevention efforts were mentioned in an article published April 13.

We urge you to vote no on HB 2960.