



Rural Advisory Council

The RAC met on February 14th at the Laurelwood Homes in Florence, OR.

Reports:

Rick Yecney reported for the Governing Board. He explained that Trillium has to carry a large insurance reserve to cover claims and that their total equity is 20 million dollars. One huge claim can eat up a quarter of that equity, so Trillium is looking into how to manage that risk. Rick also reported that Trillium has added 19,000 members since January 1, 2014. He also indicated that Trillium has a four point plan to address access, but that it hasn't been made public yet.

Leah Edelman reported on the CHIP work. There is a CHIP website in development, which will help track the workgroups activity and it should be up and running by the end of the month.

Save the date: there will be a CAC Summit in Eugene on May 29 – 30th. More information will be forthcoming.

Presentation:

Christy Inskip, Lane County Tobacco Prevention Coordinator presented on the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) and community strategies for decreasing tobacco use.

Discussion:

RAC members discussed the pros and cons of holding meetings in different towns each month. The group decided that there were significant advantages to traveling to different communities. The advantages included: learning about the needs of the communities, being more visible, allowing more access to community members, and helping in recruiting RAC members. The RAC discussed what should be included in each meeting. Each meeting should have: an explanation of the RAC and its purpose, an overview of Trillium structure, reports from the CAC and Governing Board, and an opportunity for the host community to share concerns. We will also make an effort to notify community partners about the meeting and invite Trillium members to participate.

The schedule for RAC meetings is as follows:

March – Creswell, April – Mapleton, May - Junction City, June – Florence, July- Oakridge, August – Cottage Grove, Sept – Mckenzie Bridge, October – Marcola, November –Florence, December – Venetta, January – Cottage Grove