



**CCO Advisory Councils
Report to the Governing Board
September 2015**

Rural Advisory Council

The Rural Advisory Council met in Florence at the Laurelwood homes community room on September 10th. In place of a regular meeting, RAC members participated in a focus group to inform the Community Health Assessment process, which is the basis for the next Community Health Improvement Plan. Members represented the communities of Cottage Grove, Florence, Creswell, McKenzie Bridge/Blue River and Oakridge.

The RAC members were asked “Thinking about your life right now, what helps you (and your family) to be healthy and thriving?”

Some of the responses included:

Access to insurance	Care coordination
Social supports	Access to healthy food
Faith Community	Affordable housing
Safe public places	Good Education

They were then asked “What else would help you to be healthy and thriving?”

Responses included:	Access to health care <u>in</u> our communities
Access to mental health services	Transportation
Access to providers- ability to get an appointment with the provider you know at the time you need it	
Much more affordable housing and emergency shelter for homeless in our communities (not in Eugene)	
Affordable and reliable internet access	Public safety resources
Education opportunities	More jobs

The information from the focus group will be incorporated into the Community Health Assessment.