Present: Char Reavis, Trista Burnett-Meade, Robin Roberst, Heather Murphy, Leah Edelman, Debi Farr, Cyndi Kallstrom, Emily Bear

The Rural Advisory Council met on May 12 in the community room of Laurelwood Homes in Florence, OR. The meeting convened at 11:00 and adjourned at 1:00.

Debi Farr shared a legislative report. HB 2122 modifies the requirements for CCO’s, including requiring CCOs to be non-profit organizations and changing the rules around reserves. Char Reavis testified in person at the House Rules Committee.

The RAC approved the new charter, with the addition of this language to the Terms section under Special Circumstances:

“After completing the annual recruiting activities, if the membership of the Rural Advisory Council (including new members) continues to be less than the maximum allowed (20), current members who have completed their term limit may be allowed to serve additional terms if they so desire. Additionally, these members may continue to serve an unlimited number of terms as long as the RAC’s membership remains less than 20. Once the RAC membership grows to 20, the charter policy of term limits will be enforced.”

Robin moved that the language be approved, Heather Murphy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Char reported on her experience at the OHA sponsored CAC chairpersons training in Portland. She found it very helpful to network with other CAC members. Many are experiencing similar struggles. Char said she was proud of how effective our CAC and RAC. It was also suggested that we encourage the Transformation Center to hold more trainings. The idea of hosting local or regional trainings was proposed as a way to save money. The RAC members will bring the idea of Trillium helping to sponsor a regional training to the CAC.

Member issues:

1. There were questions about how members are assigned providers and are they able to change. The concern for rural communities is that sometimes they would prefer the anonymity of seeing a provider NOT in their community. Also, some families had each child
assigned to a different provider. Debi explained that members can call and request to switch providers without any penalty.

2. There was also concern about how to provide coverage for postnatal issues, including depression, for women who lost their babies. If they were only eligible due to the pregnancy, their coverage may end before their issues are resolved.

Recruitment for RAC members continues. Members took flyers to post in their communities. We have some applicants from Oakridge and from Cottage Grove. There was discussion about doing another event in Reedsport to recruit members.

Emily Bear gave a presentation on Healthy Directions. Healthy Directions is a Florence area community coalition dedicated to creating an environment that promotes the health of families and our youth. (see handout.)

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The next meeting will be June 9th and will be held at Trillium.
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Oregon Youth Authority  
Lane County Youth Services |
| Party Dispersal                               | Florence Police Department  
Oregon State Police |
| Shoulder Tap Sting Operations                 | Florence Police Department  
Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) |
| Florence Area Family Friendly Retailer Campaign | Florence Area Businesses  
Siuslaw Newspaper |
| Sticker Shock Campaign                        | Florence Area Businesses |
| OLCC Server Trainings                         | Florence Police Department  
OLCC |
| Oregon mORe Campaign & Parent Educational Nights | Siuslaw School District  
Mapleton School District |

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