



May 21, 2015

KATE BROWN  
Governor

Mr. Terry Coplin, CEO  
Trillium Community Health Plan  
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Dear Mr. Coplin:

I am pleased to have received the request from Trillium Community Health Plan, the Coordinated Care Organization in Lane County, to designate the Lane County Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners shortage reduction effort as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives. This project will increase access to primary care by increasing the number of physician assistants and nurse practitioners being trained and working in Lane County. Therefore, I am designating it an Oregon Solutions project and appointing Debi Farr, Director of Government and Public Affairs for Trillium Community Health Plan, and Juine Chada, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, as co-conveners.

The co-conveners will lead a team of primary care providers, health care organizations, and higher education organizations to create a plan to increase the number of physician assistants and nurse practitioners delivering healthcare services in Lane County.

This project can demonstrate how a team of community stakeholders from public sector, private sector, and non-profit organizations can work together to integrate and align their efforts in order to increase access to primary care in their community. While this effort is limited to Lane County, my hope is that the results will illustrate how other Oregon communities can increase access to primary care.

This is a positive opportunity for the Lane County community to move forward together. Success will depend on the connection and active collaboration among non-profit, private, and public sectors on the ground in your community. Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

Cc: Debi Farr, co-convener  
Juine Chada, co-convener

