



## LANE COUNTY

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**To:** Russell Latham  
Financial Regulation Section  
Oregon Insurance Division  
PO Box 14480  
Salem, OR 97309-0405

**From:** Steve Mokrohisky  
County Administrator

**Date:** May 7, 2015

**Re:** Proposed Acquisition of Control of Trillium Community Health Plan Inc.  
by Centene Corporation

Dear Mr. Latham,

This is to provide comment to the Insurance Division on the proposed acquisition of control of Trillium Community Health Plan, Inc. by Centene Corporation. Trillium is the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) serving Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Lane County, and is a key partner with the County in helping to improve health care, improve health outcomes, and contain costs in our community.

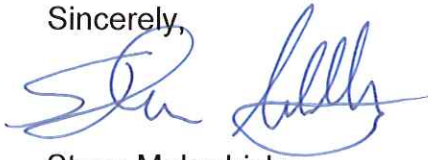
Trillium has been firmly grounded in the community since the creation of the CCO in August of 2012 and operates as a great example of a public/private partnership. The Board of Directors includes three representatives of Lane County government, as well as other public and private organizations in our community, and OHP members. Trillium also contracts with Lane County to provide administrative services to the CCO, including staff who coordinate the behavioral health benefit and manage the behavioral health funding pool, as well as public health staff who coordinate the prevention initiatives for the CCO. This helps set the tone for a level of collaboration, transparency and community accountability that contributes to Trillium's success. Additionally, Trillium has partnered with the County to help start two additional Community Health Center clinics, helping to address the significant need for primary care services in the community.

Trillium has been a great partner and we have every reason to believe that this work will continue with the addition of Centene. The community-based structure of Trillium is not expected to change, and is in fact largely dictated by CCO statutes and rules. Throughout the planning for this change, the expectation for continued community partnership has been emphasized. All parties look forward to maintaining the elements that have made Trillium a successful partner and

CCO, and to leverage the knowledge and resources that Centene offers in order to strengthen the infrastructure and effectiveness of Trillium in the community.

Lane County looks forward to a continued strong relationship with Trillium and with Centene as the CCO moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Mokrohisky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Mokrohisky  
Lane County Administrator