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Dear Kim,

Thank you for submitting your 2015 Community Health Improvement Plan Progress Report to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). This communication is intended to provide OHA's written approval of your progress report. Across all CCOs' progress reports, OHA noted the following themes: cross-sector collaborations beyond the traditional health care system, novel funding mechanisms, and community-based interventions using evidence-based practices.

In addition, the following were noted highlights from your progress report:

- Renamed the CCO's Ethnicity Subcommittee as the Health Disparities Subcommittee, which transitioned its focus and now includes more community partners, stakeholders, and CCO members. Over the next two years, the subcommittee will focus on identifying areas of health disparities in vulnerable subpopulations as identified by age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, education, and racial and/or ethnic subpopulations, identifying root causes, and developing a strategic plan to address health disparities.
- Completed an inventory of region's use of traditional health workers (THW) and developed learning collaborative for THW alternative payment method pilot projects.
- Creating and supporting a public health work group, the Regional Healthy Communities Steering Committee, to improve community health by coordinating health initiatives, seeking efficiencies through blended services and infrastructure, and engaging all stakeholders towards the shared goal of ensuring equal opportunities for health.

As a reminder, the OHA Transformation Center's Technical Assistance Bank (www.transformationcenter.org/tabank) and the OHA Office of Equity and Inclusion's Health Equity Coaches (www.oregon.gov/oha/oei/Pages/Training.aspx) are excellent sources of technical assistance for certain aspects of implementing the community health improvement plan.

Thank you and your CCO for all of the hard work that went into documenting the progress of your community health improvement plan. Please direct questions to David Fischer at david.h.fischer@state.or.us or 503-947-5522.

Sincerely,

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