

LWVCC Annual Meeting

May 6, 2025

Board Recommendations to be voted on by the membership

This past year the LWVCC Board did a review of LWVCC Where We Stand. As a result of this review the membership will be asked to vote on the following 2 recommendations from the board.

1. Some wording changes in the Health position to make it consistent with more current language. There is no change in the position. A copy with changes highlighted is attached.
2. The Criminal Justice Position should be eliminated. Rationale: It has not been updated since the 1990's and our Criminal Justice Interest Group feels that any action they would take on issues in Cook County are covered by either the LWVUS or the LWVIL positions on Criminal Justice that are more current. You can find all the Criminal Justice Positions by clicking on the following links and looking up the position.

[LWVCC Where We Stand](#)

[LWVIL Where We Stand 2023-2025](#)

[LWVUS Impact on Issues 2024-2026](#)

# **LWVCC WHERE WE STAND – HEALTH CARE**

**Proposed Changes approved by LWVCC Board on 11/12/24**

**For approval by membership at May 6, 2025 Annual Meeting**

**HEALTH CARE – LWVCC supports measures that provide public health facilities that are accessible to those who need services.**

## **I. Public health care facilities in Cook County should:**

- A. Provide full-service care to the medically indigent
- B. Ensure accessibility of ambulatory care
- C. Stress preventive health care including health education
- D. Serve as teaching institutions
- E. Offer access to specialized services when necessary

## **II. Planning**

- A. Availability and accessibility of necessary health care should be planned according to need and with citizen input.
- B. Public health departments should determine the services they provide after assessing community needs.

## **III. Cost Containment**

Costs should be contained where possible ~~through sharing of equipment and eliminating duplication of facilities.~~ by finding ways to reduce spending without sacrificing quality of care.

## **IV. Consumer Involvement - The League Supports:**

- A. Encouraging consumers to assume responsibility for their own health, assessing the costs of their own health care, and assisting in improving community health.
- B. Providing access to information on available health programs and facilities, including those for ~~substance abuse treatment~~ behavioral health.
- C. Health education that encourages consumers to take action to prevent illness by emphasizing the benefits of good health.