THE LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS YOLO COUNTY - MENTAL HEALTH STUDY POSITION STATEMENT AND CONSENSUS OBJECTIVES

Position Statement:

The LWV of Yolo County supports Mental Health/ Behavioral Health programs with a focus on visible and accurate consumer information, timely access to care, and data to support the effectiveness of programs provided.

Objectives by Consensus: Communication

Members of the Yolo County LWV agreed that:

- The Board of Supervisors of Yolo County and the municipalities should prioritize support and funding for 211 or a more specifically focused mental health/behavioral health directory to assist with updated and accurate program and services resource information.
- The Yolo County Department of Mental Health should more widely publicize and distribute mental health and behavioral health resource information in multiple languages using County media services and displaying hard copy information prominently in public places.

Objectives by Consensus: Access

Members of the Yolo County LWV agreed that:

- Yolo County contracted service providers should provide adequate access to mental health and behavioral health services including the adaptation of hours to meet community need.
- On-call services, or telehealth services could be considered as a more cost-effective alternative to permanently scheduled staffing of positions. These alternatives would provide evening or weekend hours in some locations.

Objective by Consensus: Crisis Services

Members of the Yolo County LWV agreed that:

Yolo County Health and Human Services should provide a 24-7 Crisis
Stabilization Center for mental health and behavioral health clients.

Objective by Consensus: Effectiveness

Members of the Yolo County LWV agreed that:

 Yolo County Health and Human Services and the Yolo County Department of Mental Health should use data analysis to determine if mental health/ behavioral health services are effective.

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