



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?	X		Avail online, handouts at the meeting
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Items of interest: The task force reviewed their history, methods, and outcomes: a set of recommendations that came from public input. Service providers to meet 18 Aug to compare existing services to the recommendations and identify overlaps and gaps. A final report will be presented to the mayors, city council and county commission. It is up to our elected officials to adopt and implement strategies.

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or program? Mental illness, "housing first", safety center

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Support the recommendations that align with LWV positions.

Other Concerns: the audience applauded several speakers who favored "doing the right thing" and caring for the most vulnerable members of society. Speakers were polite, passionate, respectful, and appreciative of the work of the task force. One particularly public opponent of the TYP and former task force member was standing in the back of the auditorium talking on his cell phone - loud enough that several members in the front of the audience turned around to see where the noise was coming from...

Observer: Judy Barnette Meeting: Compassion Knoxville Presentation

Date: 17 Aug 2011