



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		
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Items of interest: Lakeshore closing soon

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? **Mental illness**

The State is closing Lakeshore "to save money" by more efficient treatment in "other facilities". Knox County expects more folks on the streets, in emergency rooms and in jail – all of which affect the local budget, not the State budget. Several folks spoke passionately about the importance of a facility like Lakeshore and desired to express their concerns to Mr. Varney, Commissioner of Mental Health for the State of TN. [p.s., that meeting was held on Wed Dec 14 with no real change in the State's plans to close Lakeshore...

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? **None at this time**

Observer: Judy Barnette Meeting: Knox County Commission Work Session Date: 12 Dec 2011