

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

The League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area believes that every resident of Seneca County should have access to quality behavioral health care, which includes mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

The League supports:

1. A wide range of services should be provided for all ages. However, if state and local funding is severely curtailed, the following services should be maintained:
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Assessment
 - Counseling
 - Case Management
 - Medication Management
 - Inpatient
2. A continuation of a strong collaboration between behavioral health services and other community services including physical health care, law enforcement, county courts, and schools.
3. Access to safe and stable housing for people with behavioral health challenges.
4. A Specialty Court in Seneca County.
5. Adequate federal, state, and local funding available to maintain the necessary services to treat those with behavioral health issues.

Background on Position

The study was adopted at the 2008 Annual Meeting. An educational meeting was held in the spring of 2009 and the members voted to continue the study at the Annual Meeting in 2009. Consensus was reached in November 2009 and the members adopted the position at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

An updated study was adopted at the 2016 Annual Meeting and consensus was reached in 2016-2017. The position was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in May 2017.