



The League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

The Future of Golden Hill Health Care Center Consensus Summary

In asking and answering the following three questions, the League considered the interests of all the people in the community, not just one group or another. We realize that every individual desire may not be served.

1. *Is doing nothing an option that should be considered?*

Doing nothing would mean operating as “business as usual.”

No. Action must be taken. The costs and risks of inaction are too high.

2. *Should the current GHHCC building be rehabilitated or replaced?*

No. Renovating the building as a county-owned nursing home is not a sound financial or programmatic option. Building a new county-owned nursing home is not financially sound.

3. *Should the current facility or a replacement facility, be operated by a) The County?*

b) A Public Benefit Corporation (PBC)? or c) A private for-profit proprietary or not-for-profit corporation?

a) The County cannot realistically operate a financially sound facility under current NYS rates and regulations and current contracts with public employees.

b) A PBC is too risky. The new option is untried.

c) A not-for-profit or for-profit corporation would be desirable. It would build a new building.

Please consult the full Consensus Statement, the Golden Hill Study Questions: Pros and Cons, and the resources posted on the website lwvmidhudson.org of the League of Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region for more complete explanations.