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HEALTHCARE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED BY LOCAL EXPERTS AT MEETING

NAPLES, February 4—A panel of local experts will address the issue of healthcare provisions and the need for change at the general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Collier County on Monday, February 18 at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting that will be held at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples.

“Provisions for quality healthcare at affordable rates may be one of the most pressing issues today,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier League. “While our national legislators and elected officials must wrestle with this challenge, we in Collier County need to know more about the issues so we can make the best possible decision in the November elections.”

The panel of speakers include: Dr. Michael Caputo, M.D., president of the Collier County Medical Society, who will talk about the impact of insurance companies on individual practitioners; John Scott Mueller, Naples Children and Education Foundation, will discuss what that organization’s research has revealed about healthcare for the underprivileged and at-risk children of the Collier; Michael Ellis, vice president of Collier Health Services, will address the impact on the uninsured; and Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of NCH Healthcare System, will speak to the impact of caring for uninsured patients on local hospitals.

The public is also invited to participate in a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., preceding the program. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members. To reserve, call the League at 239-263-4656 by 5 p.m. Thursday, February 14, or e-mail Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org for reservations.

For more information about the League of Women Voters and its programs, visit www.lwvcolliercounty.org.