

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSENSUS BUILDING

- 1) The leadership in the form of the Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Committee shall develop WCHA positions and platforms. All WCHA positions and platforms shall be voted on by the BOD, or by the WCHA membership at a statewide meeting convened for such purpose, before they are established as an official WCHA position or platform. Through communication and education, the leadership should try to build a consensus within the membership for a given position and/or consider changes to a position that will lead to a broader consensus. Each Board of Director representing a given district shall be responsible for communicating WCHA positions and platforms to their district's membership; providing information pertaining to the justification for such position and/or platform; and reporting to the BOD on the results of their discussions at the District level.
- 2) The BOD shall determine if a poll of the membership is necessary for a given position, due to lack of agreement or significant dissent. Such a poll will allow three responses: Support; Do Not Support; and No Position. A valid response requires at least 50% of member counties responding.
- 3) The results of the poll shall be tallied by the BOD and a final determination shall be made by the BOD on the WCHA position to be taken. Those counties wishing to provide a dissent from the position taken will be allowed to present their reason for lack of support.
- 4) The approved position of the WCHA will be presented for public release. If dissenting counties wish to be named in the release, they may be or the number of dissenting counties may be noted if none wish to be named.
- 5) Individual counties will have a right to represent their own "individual County positions" on any position or platform of the WCHA. Members of the BOD and Executive Committee in their official capacity shall support the WCHA position and shall not represent any other position to be a WCHA position. BOD & Executive Committee members can represent their own "individual county positions", but must not infer or imply that it is representative of the WCHA membership or leadership's position.