

## **Health Care Reform Principles Study Proposal 08.03**

### **1. Describe your project idea, including clearly defining the problems and specific policy questions to be addressed.**

Establish principles for health care reform

### **2. Why is this problem important?**

The health care crisis is one of our chief domestic social policy problems

### **3. How could the Citizens League make a unique contribution?**

As a non-partisan embodiment of informed public opinion, CA could describe the goals to which the numerous health care advocacy groups would aspire

### **4. What are prospects that project would yield recommendations that could be implemented and have a major impact on the problem?**

Health care legislation is passing through the legislature as I write. Do the many bills aspire to a unified set of goals?

### **5. Explain how this problem can be addressed by data, research, and reason? Identify probable sources for data and research.**

The responsible committee will have to deal with data comparing US performance to international standards; data identifying chief health care problems; ethical issues of rationing; social policy issues of health care as a commodity or as a common good

### **6. Explain how this proposal can be framed without partisan bias.**

Everything has potential partisan bias but this discussion should stay at the level of overarching goals from the community perspective

### **7. Why would this project be attractive to members?**

Health care touches everyone

### **8. How would this project reach out to under-represented segments of the community?**

Seek out the appropriate organizations and ask for participation

### **9. What is the potential for making this issue visible to a broader public? Why?**

Name it -- it's high on everyone's list. Health care is all over the print and broadcast media. It's central in the current Presidential campaigns,

### **10. What resources—funding, experts, etc. might be available to support this project?**

The University of Minnesota has resources in depth, espec. the school of public Health.