



# CoC/Network Survey Results • August 2013

The US Interagency Council on Homelessness urges communities to ensure that their "Leadership Council has an integrated and collaborative relationship with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and its leadership" in order to successfully end homelessness. The USICH notes that, "Many communities have developed a single organization that integrates these groups." The region's CoCs and the Network conducted a short survey to explore issues related to collaboration and integration. A summary of the results is below.

## Responses

Seventy-five persons responded to the survey, many of whom belonged to more than one CoC and/or belonged to a CoC and the Network. Respondents were assigned to a group based on their report of being a current participant. Several surveys were completed by anonymous respondents.

### Survey Response Rates

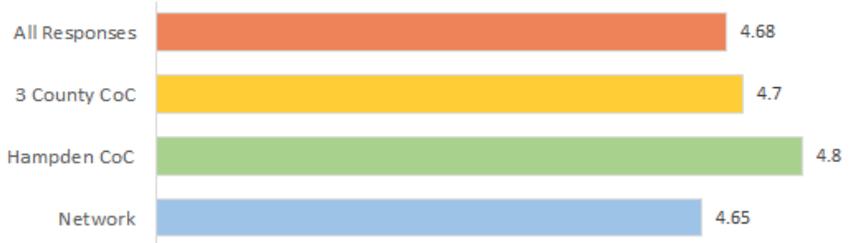
	Responses	Response Rate
Overall	75	28%
3 County CoC	27	33%
Hampden CoC	31	30%
Network Only	6	11%

## Priorities

Survey respondents were asked to rate regional priorities according to their importance. Not surprisingly, all of the priorities were seen as important, with the average rating for each equivalent to "very important." The need for increased permanent supportive housing received the most robust positive response.

[See results for all Priorities.](#)

### New permanent supportive housing



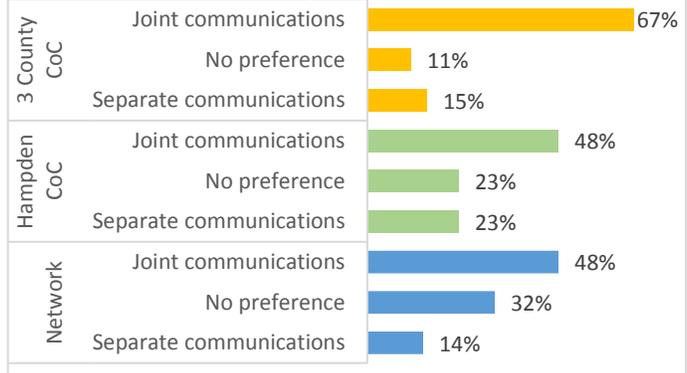
## Preferences

Overall, survey respondents were in favor of combined Network/CoC communications, announcements, etc., with more than half reporting the desire for joint communications and another third reporting no preference. 3-County CoC participants had the strongest preference for joint communications.

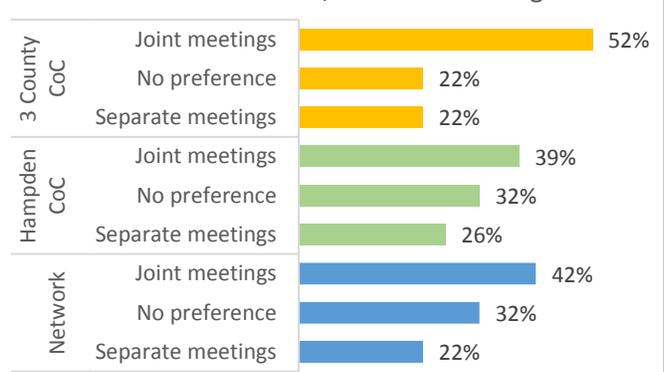
Results were similar with regards to meetings and related activities: 75% of respondents either preferred joint meetings or had no preference. Again 3-County CoC members seemed most in favor of joint meetings.

It appears as if respondents with the greatest distance to travel are more likely to prefer meeting consolidation (3-County CoC members), while respondents with the shortest trips are less likely to prefer this (Hampden CoC members).

### Preferences re: CoC/Network Communication



### Preferences re: CoC/Network Meetings



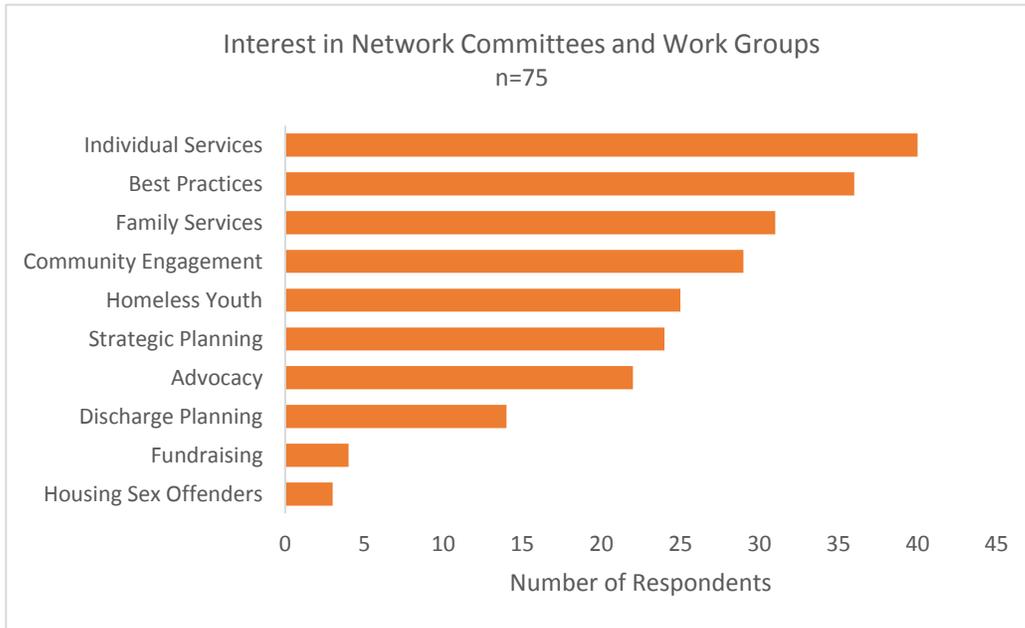
**65%**  
monthly or every other month

### Meeting logistics

CoC Members prefer that the CoC General Membership meet at least monthly (45%) or every other month (20%). Network members prefer that meetings continue to occur quarterly. A majority of all respondents (61%) report that they are available at least monthly, or as needed, for CoC and Network Meetings.

## Participation

There was a good deal of interest in participating in/continuing to participate in current Network committees: The Individual Services Committee, the Family Services Committee, Community Engagement and Homeless Youth. In addition, more than a third of respondents expressed interest in region-wide meetings that do not yet take place, namely a **Best Practices** meeting/group and one related to **Strategic Planning**.



### CoC Committees and Work Groups

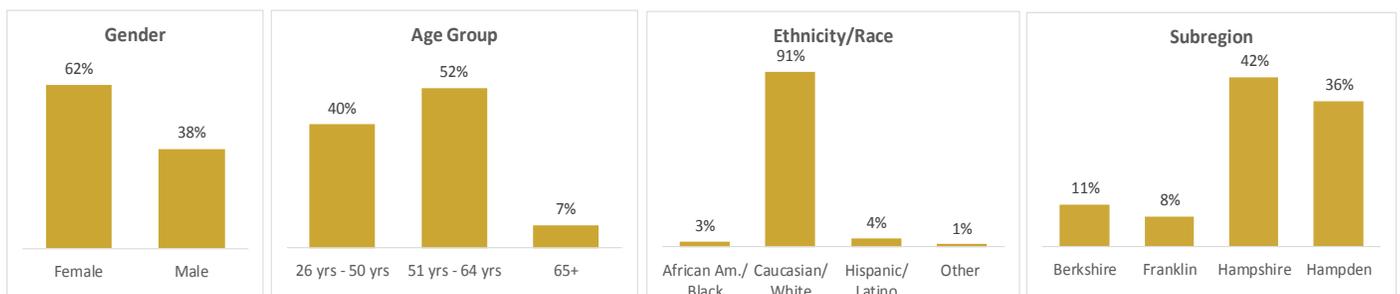
	Respondents	Percent
Policies and Planning	30	40.5
Performance Outcomes	22	29.7
Coordinated Assessment	22	29.7
Program Review/Ranking	16	21.6

HUD requires that CoCs perform a number of activities that best occur through committees or work groups. Current and future CoC members were asked what committees they might want to participate in; overall, respondents expressed the greatest degree of interest in participating in CoC-level policies and planning.

A complete list of participants, by CoC and Committee/Work Group, is available upon request.

## Demographics

Sixty-seven respondents provided demographic information, summarized below.



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