

Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force Public Survey Responses Introduction & General Characteristics

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Overview

- The purpose of the survey was to gather feedback from across the state on how the Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force should prioritize funding and policy recommendations.
- The survey was sent on August 23, 2021 with a deadline of September 1, 2021 for completion. The survey was kept open until September 15 to collect additional responses after the deadline.

427

Total number of responses received

About the Survey

- An easy-to-use electronic form and Word Form was developed and reviewed by Task Force Chair and Subpanel Chair
- Survey was shared via the Task Force legislative webpage, and by email from the Task Force Chair and Subpanel Chair
- Survey was forwarded to several large distribution lists, from both mental health and substance use sectors

Invitation to Submit Ideas for the Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force

Please submit your ideas by 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 29th.

The Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force, created in SB19-137 is tasked with issuing a report with recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on policies to create transformational change in the area of behavioral health using money the state receives from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Legislature has set aside \$450M for investments in behavioral health. The Task Force is asking for ideas to make transformational improvements to the behavioral health system in Colorado, which is inclusive of mental health and substance use, for people across the lifespan, including people with other co-occurring conditions. In particular, the Task Force wants to understand how funds can address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background information from the Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force

The Task Force describes "transformational" as.....

Additionally, the Task Force has established the following strategic pillars to drive where investments are made:

- Health Promotion and Recovery
- Entry and Access System
- Accountability and Transparency
- Workforce
- Affordability

First Name *

Short answer text

Questions Asked

“If you had the ability and the right amount of funding, what is the one most important change you would make to the behavioral health service system in Colorado to make the biggest difference in the lives of people with mental health and substance use conditions?”

Building off the previous question, what is your specific policy and/or funding recommendation to transform Colorado's behavioral health system?

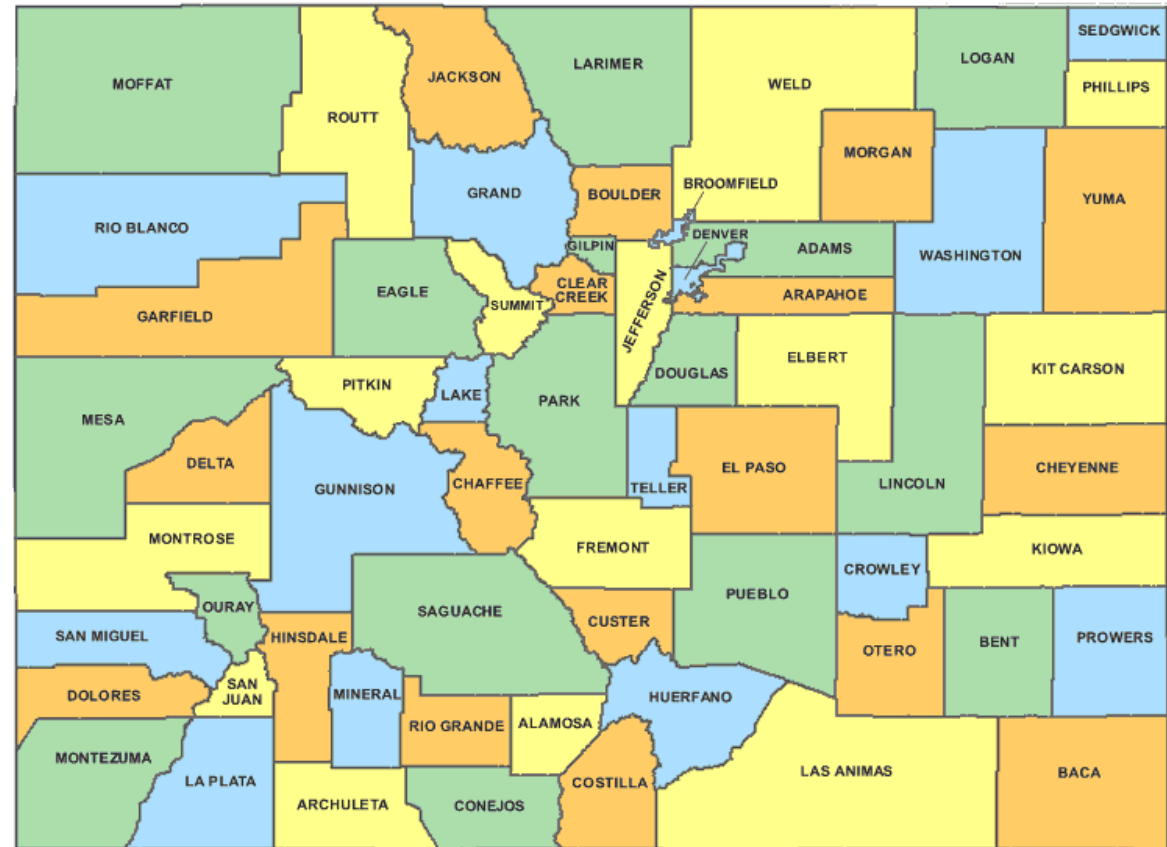
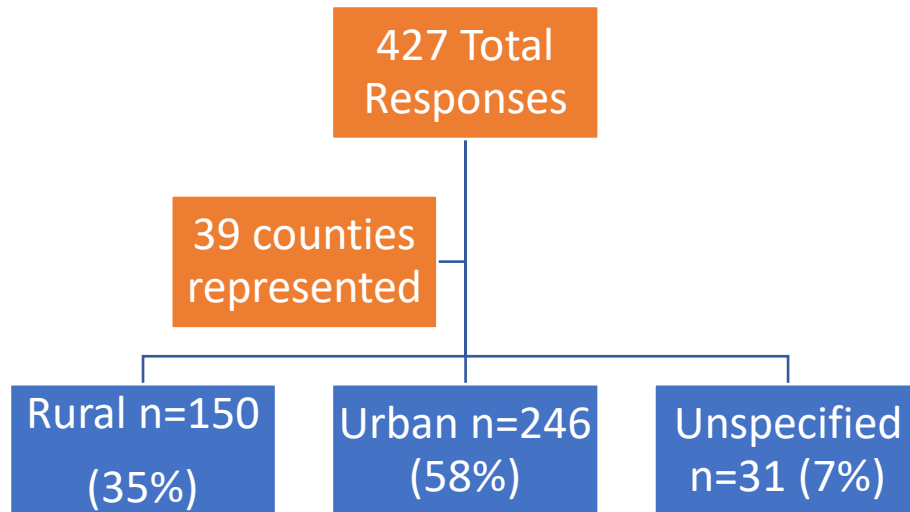
Does your recommendation address mental health, substance use or both?

Does your recommendation include policy recommendations, funding recommendations, or both?

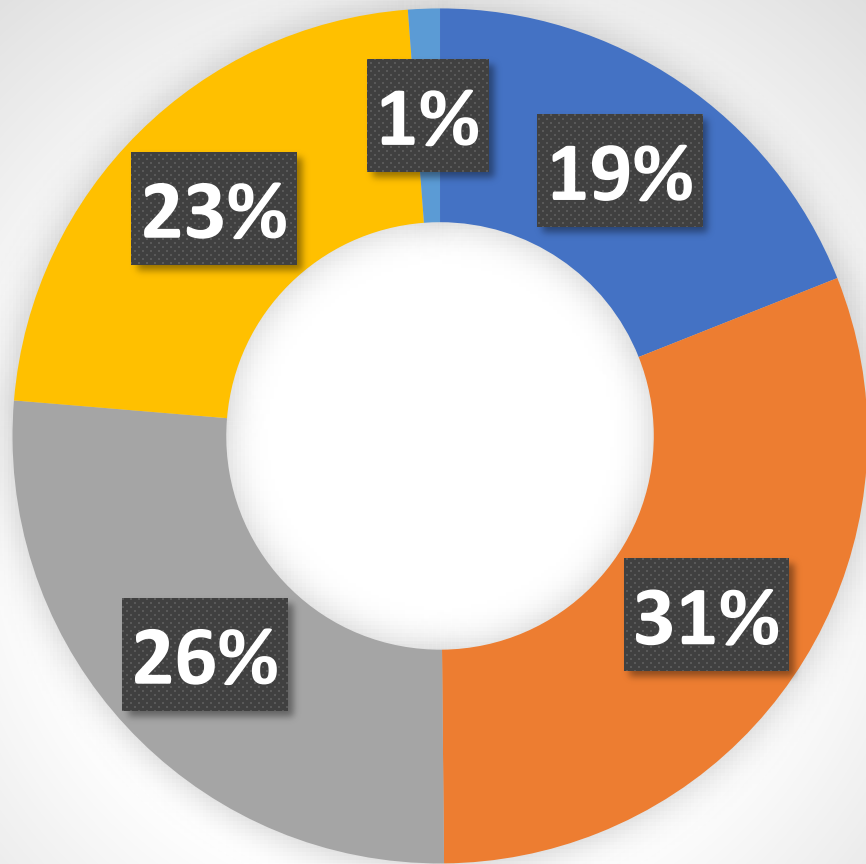
How is your recommendation transformational or, does your recommendation address urgent needs related to COVID-19? If so, explain how.

How does your recommendation address health equity or health disparities in the state?

Respondent Characteristics



Respondent Type



- Community Member/Affected Individual
- Behavioral Health Provider
- Non-profit Organization
- Governmental Entity
- Other

Who Responded?

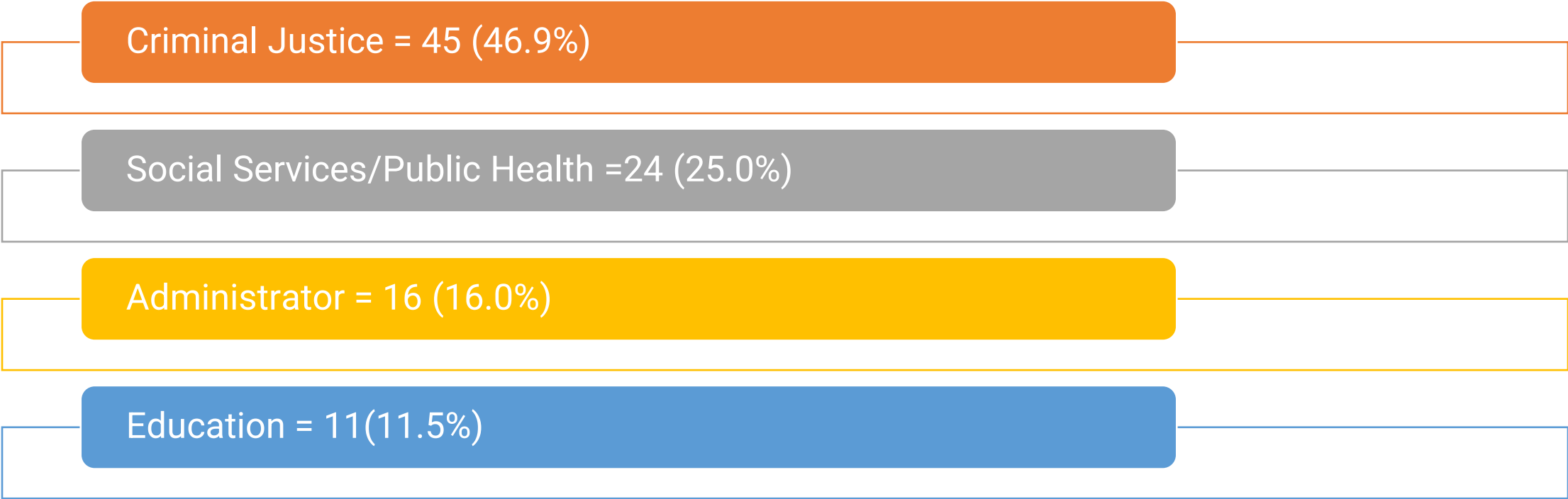
Responses came from a cross-range of sectors

Roughly 20% of respondents were affected individuals or individuals without an affiliation stated

Some individuals with an organizational affiliation also highlighted how they were impacted on a personal level

Responses will be analyzed for variation in themes by Respondent Type

Further breakdown of Governmental Entity Respondents

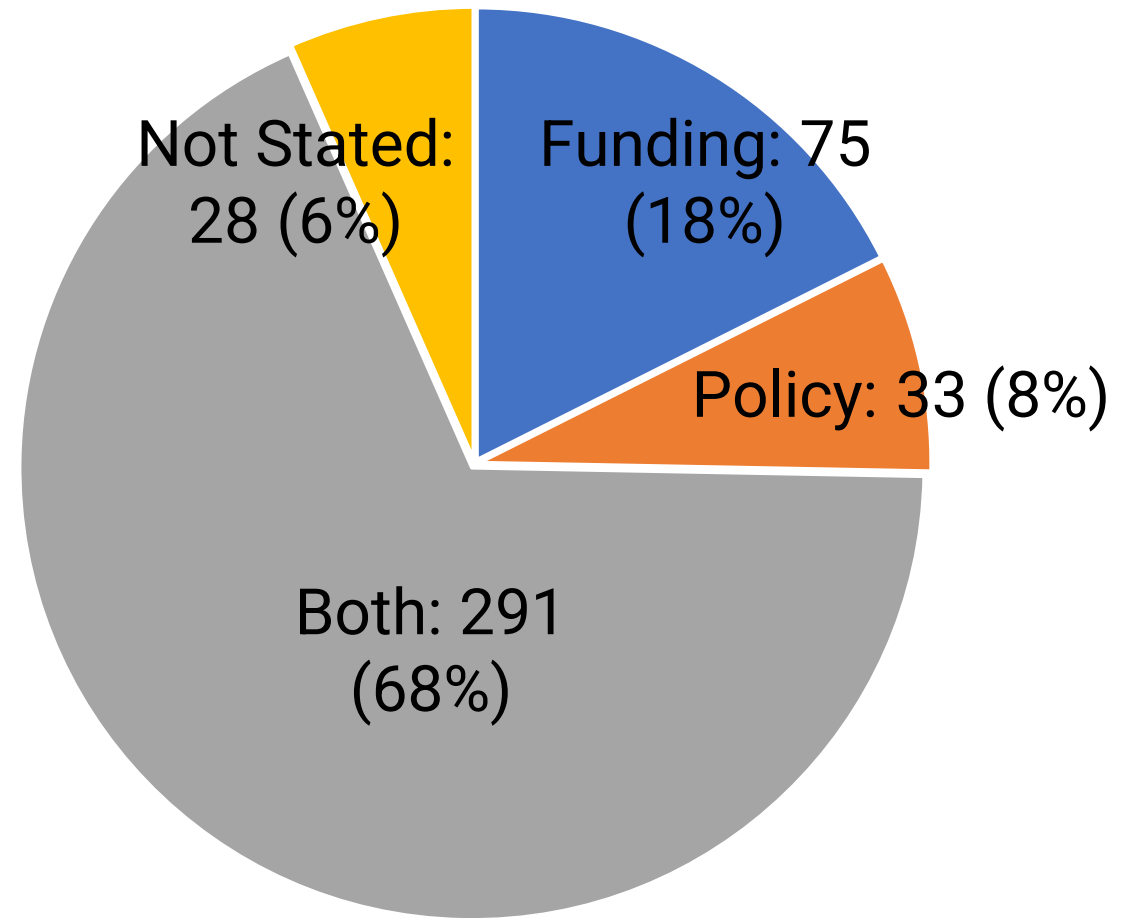


*Of Note: **Criminal Justice**, was **largest respondent** of the Governmental Entities (this categorization includes Judicial, Public Safety, Corrections etc.)*

Proposal Characteristics:

Majority of proposals addressed both policy and funding needs

Proposal Type (n=427)

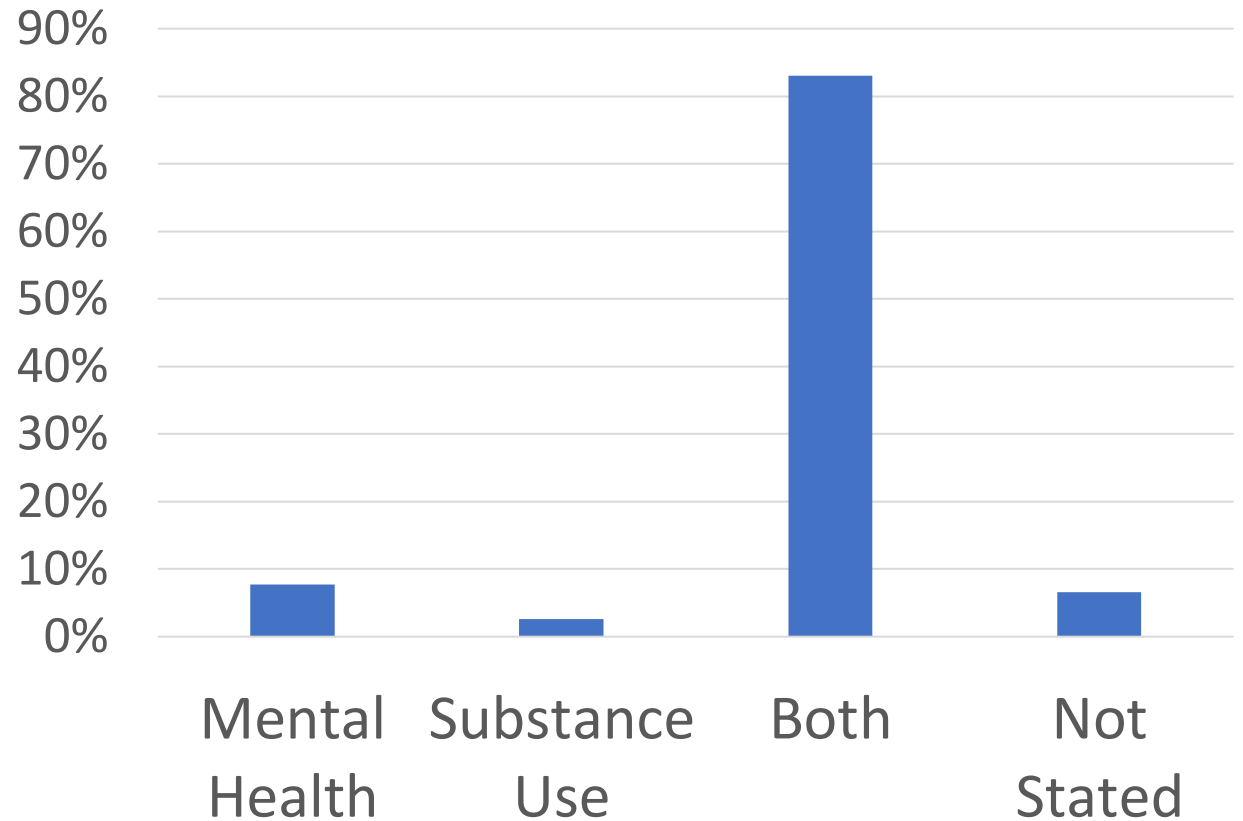


■ Funding ■ Policy ■ Both ■ Not Stated

Area of Focus

*Majority of respondents reported that their recommendations would address **both** mental health and substance use disorders, highlighting the importance of integrated care*

Behavioral Health Focus Area



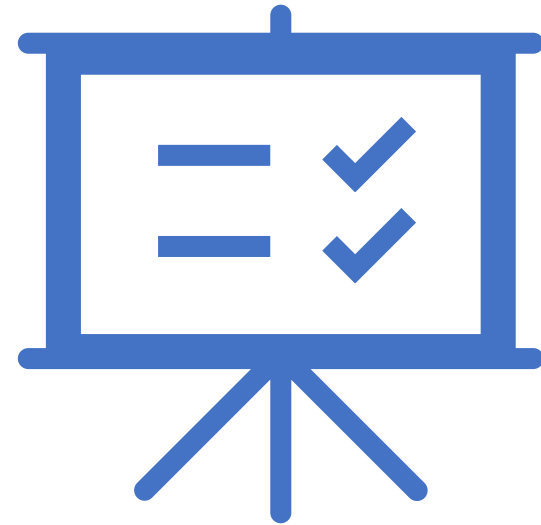
How Will the Survey be Used:

- Incorporate perspective of individuals and organizations not represented on Subpanel or Task Force
- Identify subject matter experts and potential presenters
- Identify specific policy and funding recommendations
- Highlight additional sub-themes
- Identify areas of broad support amongst all sectors or geographic regions



Next Steps:

- Presentation on results and themes to Task Force on Thursday, September 23
- Written summary of key findings shared in early October



Questions?



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