**Long Island Health Collaborative**

**Community Member Survey Summary of Findings**

**Methodology:**

Surveys were distributed by paper and electronically, through Survey Monkey, to community members. The electronic version placed rules on certain questions; for questions 1-5 an individual could select 3 choices and each question was mandatory. For question 6, individuals could choose as many responses as they’d like. Although the rules were written on the paper survey, people often did not follow them. On July 1st 2018 we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. We needed to add weights to the surveys which did not follow the rules - for each of the questions that had more than 3 responses. The weight for each response was 3/x, where x is the count of responses. No weight was applied to questions with less than 3 responses because they had the option to select more and chose not to do so. With the weight determined, we applied the formula to the data and then added the remaining surveys to the spreadsheet.

**Analysis Results:**

1. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns in the community where you live are***:

* Nassau/Queens Counties and Suffolk County respondents agreed that Cancer, Heart Disease & Stroke, Drugs & Alcohol Abuse, and Obesity/Weight Loss Issues were all among the top five concerns.
* These four choices represented roughly 50% of the total responses.

1. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns for yourself are:***

* Nassau/Queens and Suffolk respondents agreed that Heart Disease & Stroke was the top concern.
* This choice represented about 16% of the total responses.

1. The next question sought to ***identify potential barriers that people face when getting medical treatment***:

* Respondents from all three counties reported that No Insurance, Unable to Pay Co-Pays/Deductibles, and Fear (e.g. not ready to face/discuss health problem) were the top three barriers to getting medical treatment.
* These three choices represented roughly 50% of the total responses.

1. When asked ***what was most needed to improve the health of your community:***

* Both Nassau/Queens and Suffolk respondents reported Healthier Food Choices as the most selected response.
* Nassau/Queens respondents then reported Clean Air & Water and Mental Health Services as second and third most selected, respectively.
* These top three choices accounted for approximately 40% of the total Nassau/Queens responses.
* Nassau/Queens respondents then reported Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services and Mental Health Services as second and third most selected, respectively.
* These top three choices accounted for approximately 40% of the total Suffolk responses.

1. When people were asked ***what health screenings or education services are needed in your community***:

* Nassau/Queens respondents felt that the Importance of Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Cancer services were most needed.
* Suffolk County respondents felt that Drug & Alcohol, Mental Health/Depression, and Exercise/Physical Activity services were most needed.
* In Nassau/Queens, these three choices represented roughly 35% of the total responses.
* In Suffolk, these three choices represented roughly 30% of the total responses.

1. For the final question people were asked ***where do you and your family get most of your health information***:

* Both Nassau/Queens and Suffolk Counties respondents said the top three places they get their health information from are Doctor/Health Professional, Internet, and Family or Friends.
* In Nassau, these three choices represented roughly 55% of the total responses.
* In Suffolk, these three choices represented roughly 60% of the total responses.

976 surveys were collected between January 1st and June 30th, 2018. For Nassau/Queens there were 595 respondents total, which means our responses have a confidence level of 95% and a confidence interval of 4.02%. For Suffolk County we had 370 respondents which means our responses have a confidence level of 95% and a confidence interval of 5.09%. These values are based on the 2010 census for Nassau/Queens and Suffolk counties.

For a full version of the spreadsheet that includes interactive tables to analyze results based on demographic factors you can visit: <https://www.lihealthcollab.org/data-resources.aspx>