

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Member Survey Results

Feb. 2022

SAC Composition

36 official seats on the SAC

- Behavioral health & social service providers
- Criminal legal system advocates
- Individuals with lived experience in the system
- County and City elected officials
- Lummi & Nooksack Tribes
- IPRTF Members
- Bellingham Police
- Whatcom County Sheriff
- Whatcom County Health Dept.
- Whatcom County Corrections – Teamsters Local 231

4 seats are shared between 2 people

Total 40 individuals involved

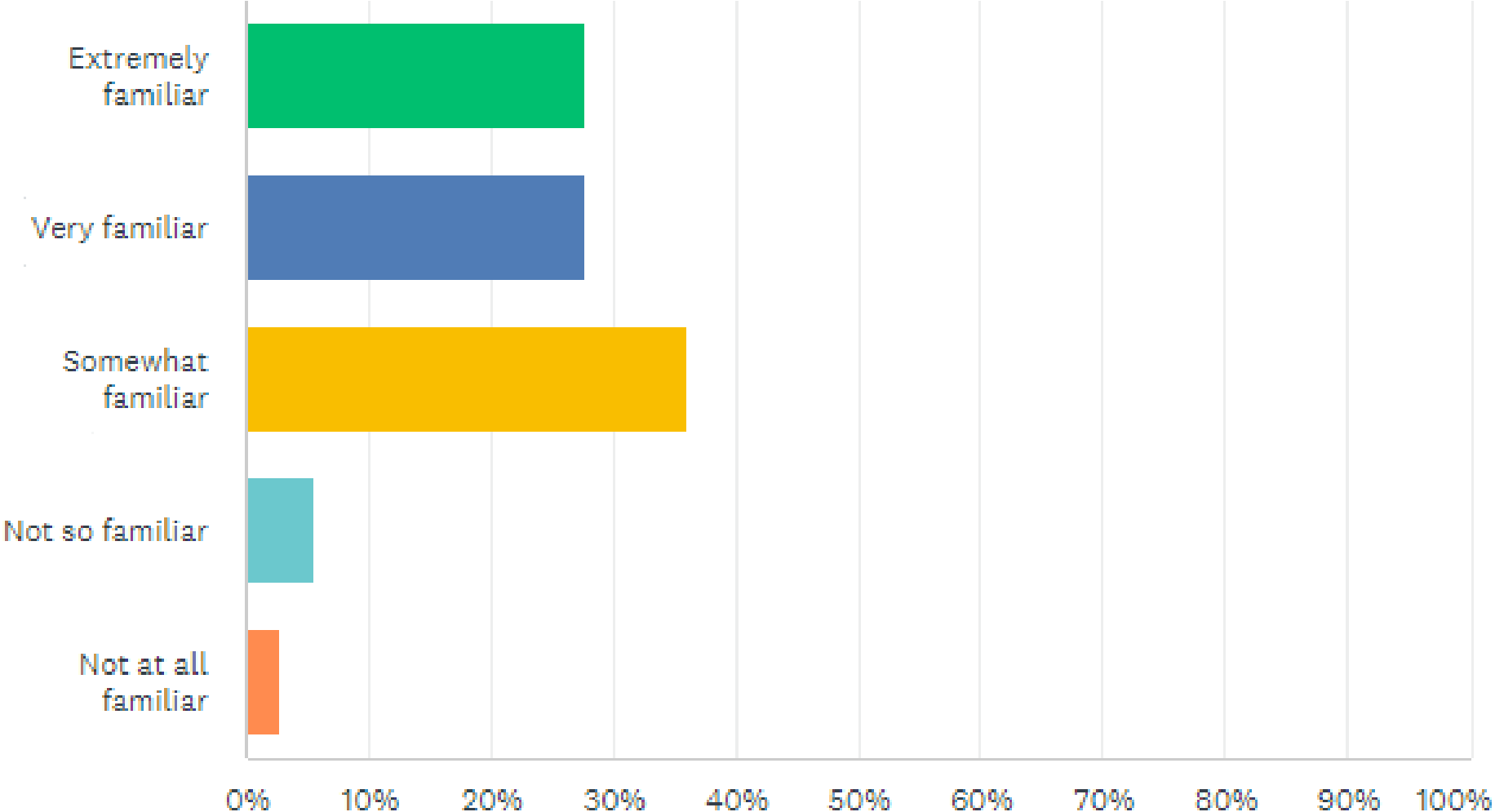


Survey Respondents

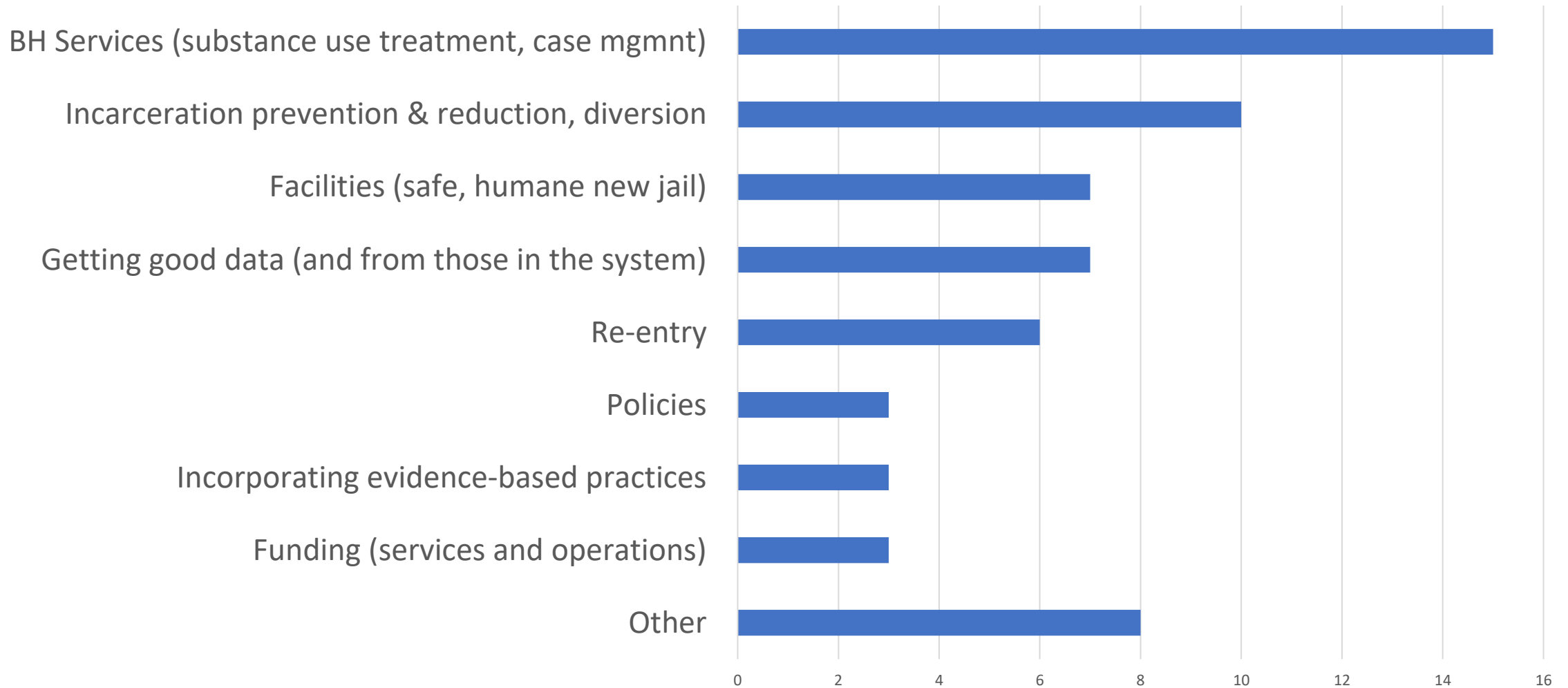
36 of 40 SAC
Members
responded =

90%

Rate Your Current Familiarity with the Topics the SAC is Addressing



What topics related to this work are especially interesting to you?



Note: Most people gave more than one response.

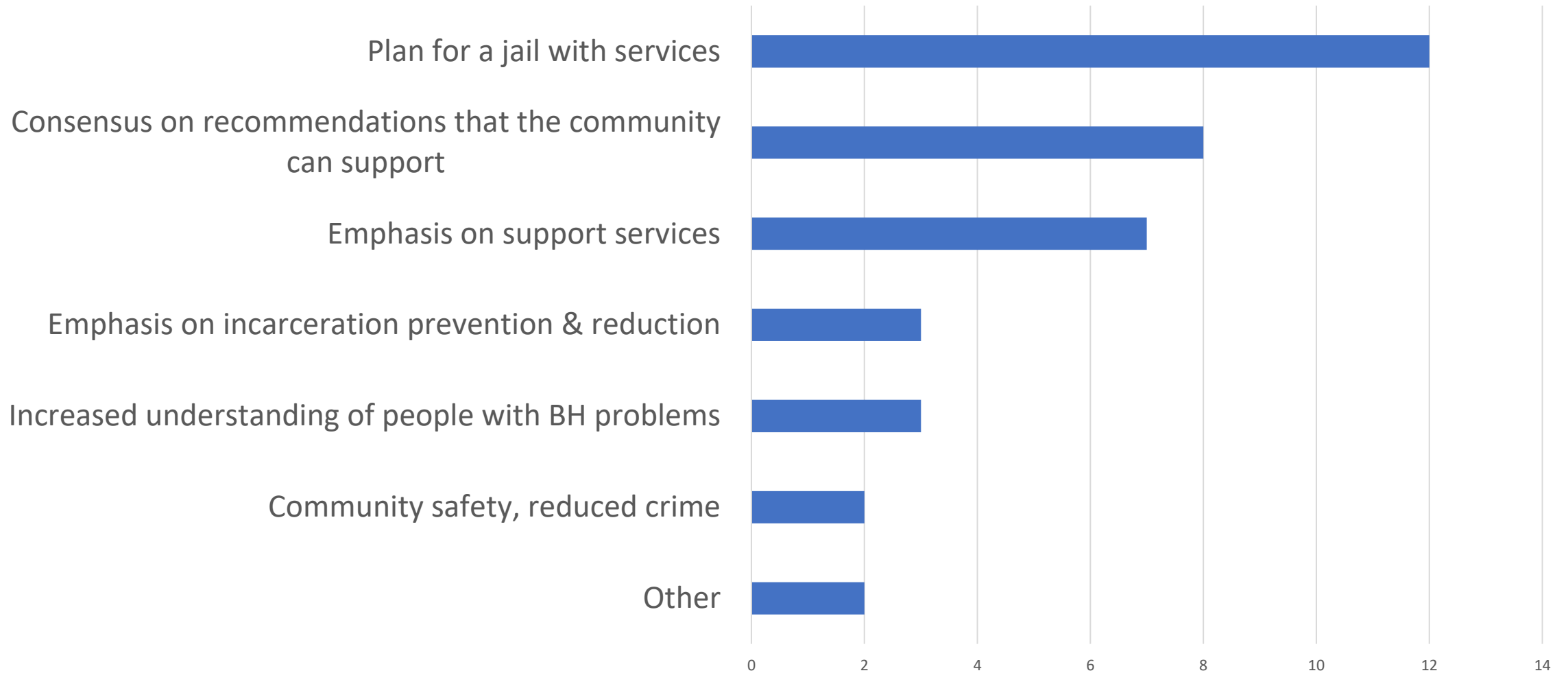
Which IPRTF Sub-committees Interest You?

Sub-committee	# SAC Members Already Involved*	# Interested
Behavioral Health	7	9
Legal & Justice System	6	6
Crisis Stabilization Facility	4	2
INDEX	1	3
	*14 people are IPRTF members 5 members serve on 2 committees	

Process Recommendations

- Create mechanisms that... address root causes of issues for individuals whenever possible.
- [Gather] meaningful qualitative data and involvement from... currently and formerly incarcerated community on what services and programs... would be most transformative and supportive for them.
- Fulfill goal of community engagement in development process.
- Conduct a cost benefit analysis of renovating current facilities vs. building new ones.
- By reviewing evidence-based models, we can update our justice system.
- Gather usable information on best practices related to WC Jail.
- [Develop] an allocation... framework, that will show proportion of any funding proposal that will go to different program areas and projects... This framework developed by the SAC could serve as a "funding package," which would then be supported by funding mechanisms that will be developed by other people/bodies.
- ...tackle important objectives that... the [IPRTF] has been working on for years.
- Come up with solutions to problems discussed not just discuss them.
- Bring common sense to the rehabilitation process.
- [Take] a new approach to evolving our justice system: ...Go from wants/needs → requirements → specifications → facilities/jobs.

What are the main outcomes you are hoping the Stakeholder Advisory Committee achieves?



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Desired Outcomes (in people's own words)

Coming up with a realistic and practical size and design for a jail and adjacent facility that will manage and meet the actual needs of those incarcerated, the justice and law enforcement community and the general community of Whatcom County.

A comprehensive plan for justice in Whatcom County that can minimize the need for incarceration and also provide a safe space when incarceration is needed.

Well-developed recommendations for strengthening the resources and approaches we have and for adding supports we know we need to complete a continuum of interventions.