



Bridging the Gap: Addressing Intersectional Health Disparities and Strengthening Support in the Veteran Community

The fall 2024 Riverside County Health Coalition (RCHC) was held on October 16th at Crestmore Manor in Jurupa Valley. A total of 40 participants attended virtually and 53 were in-person.



Speakers & Topics:

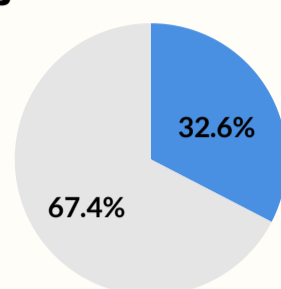
- California State Coordinator for Team Red White & Blue
- Verteran Statistics in Riverside County
- Life Before, During, and After Military Service from Retired Sargeant First Class, U.S. Army



Survey Respondents

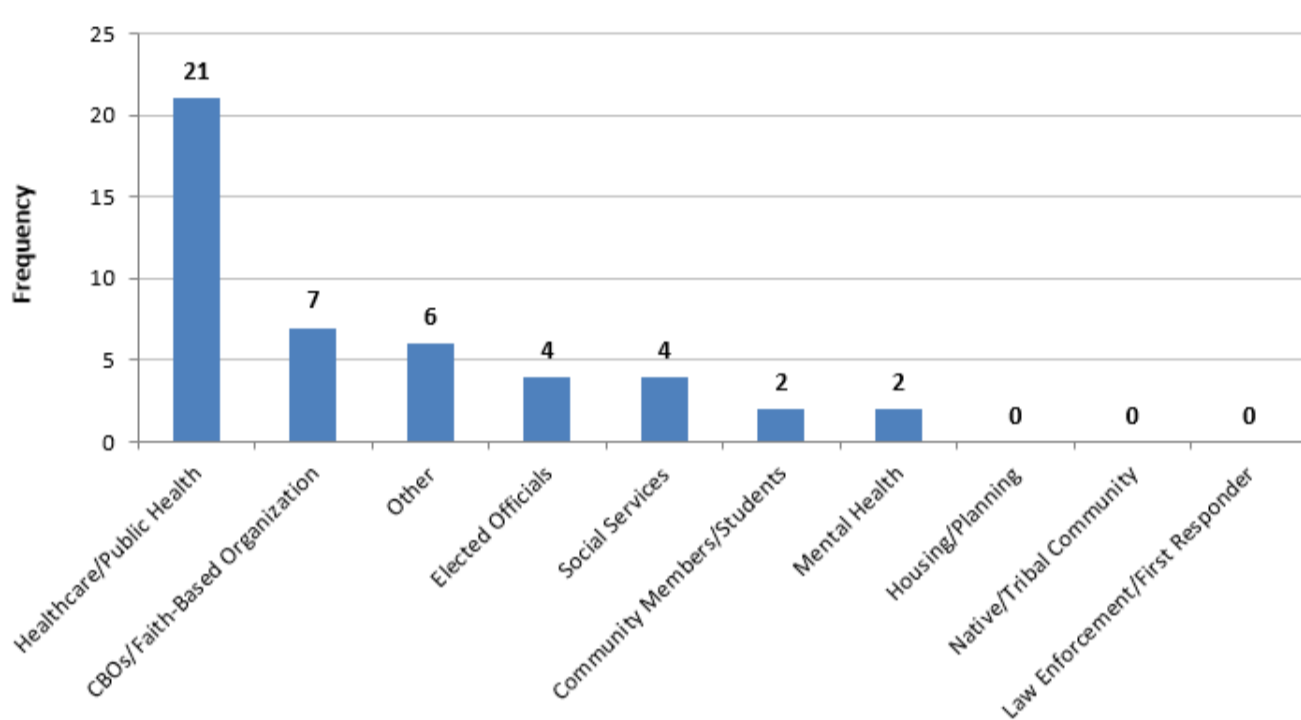
46 total

15 Virtual
31 In-Person



Virtual (32.6%)
In-Person (67.4%)

Organizational Affiliation



Most organizations who responded to the survey were from a public health setting. Those who responded with "Other" were as follows:

- Retired Veteran
- Three non-profits
- Student
- Community health/faith-based

Experience

- 84.8% rated the RCHC as informative to very informative.
- 76.1% felt that they gained a good amount to a great deal of knowledge.
- 71.7% found the content applicable to very applicable.

Satisfaction

The following outcomes display respondents who are satisfied to very satisfied with these general meeting components:

- 91.3% – opportunity for engagement
- 88.6% – quality of the presentation(s)
- 89.1% – overall experience

Future Topics

- Four individuals mentioned veteran's services in terms of how to provide aid, next steps, and incorporating Veterans Affairs.
- Four said mental health; one of whom specified maternal mental health and another mentioned school-based mental health.
- Two individuals mentioned housing; one specified housing in relation to veterans.
- Two respondents said senior resources.
- Connect ACES to current programs
- Changes in nutrition
- Substance use
- Environmental impacts on health
- Legal aid for non-immigrants
- Social determinants of health
- Culturally-tailored health programs
- More group discussions
- More concrete plans rather than conceptual
- How to help not only the community but county employees

Additional Comments

- Twelve individuals expressed interest in presenting at a future RCHC meeting and provided their contact information.
- Eleven respondents provided praise for the meeting; one person said it was great that the host was a veteran. Another would like to see more from community members. One other person liked having the time to network and collaborate.
- Only one person provided a recommendation, which was to start one hour earlier.