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# Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Input Survey

## Summary of Findings

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# Introduction

- The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (Council) is charged with making written recommendations to the legislature and advising on legislation.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) conducted a survey on behalf of the Council to gather partners' and stakeholders' input to inform the Council's legislative recommendations for the upcoming 87th Legislative Session.

# Methods

- The Chronic Disease Epidemiology Branch (CDE) created the *Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Input Survey* in Qualtrics.
- The survey consisted of four questions, including rank order and open-ended response questions.
- A DSHS staff member emailed the survey link to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Newsletter Distribution listserv (n=306). The survey was open from December 30, 2019 to January 17, 2020.
- A total of 112 people responded to the survey (response rate of 36.6 percent)

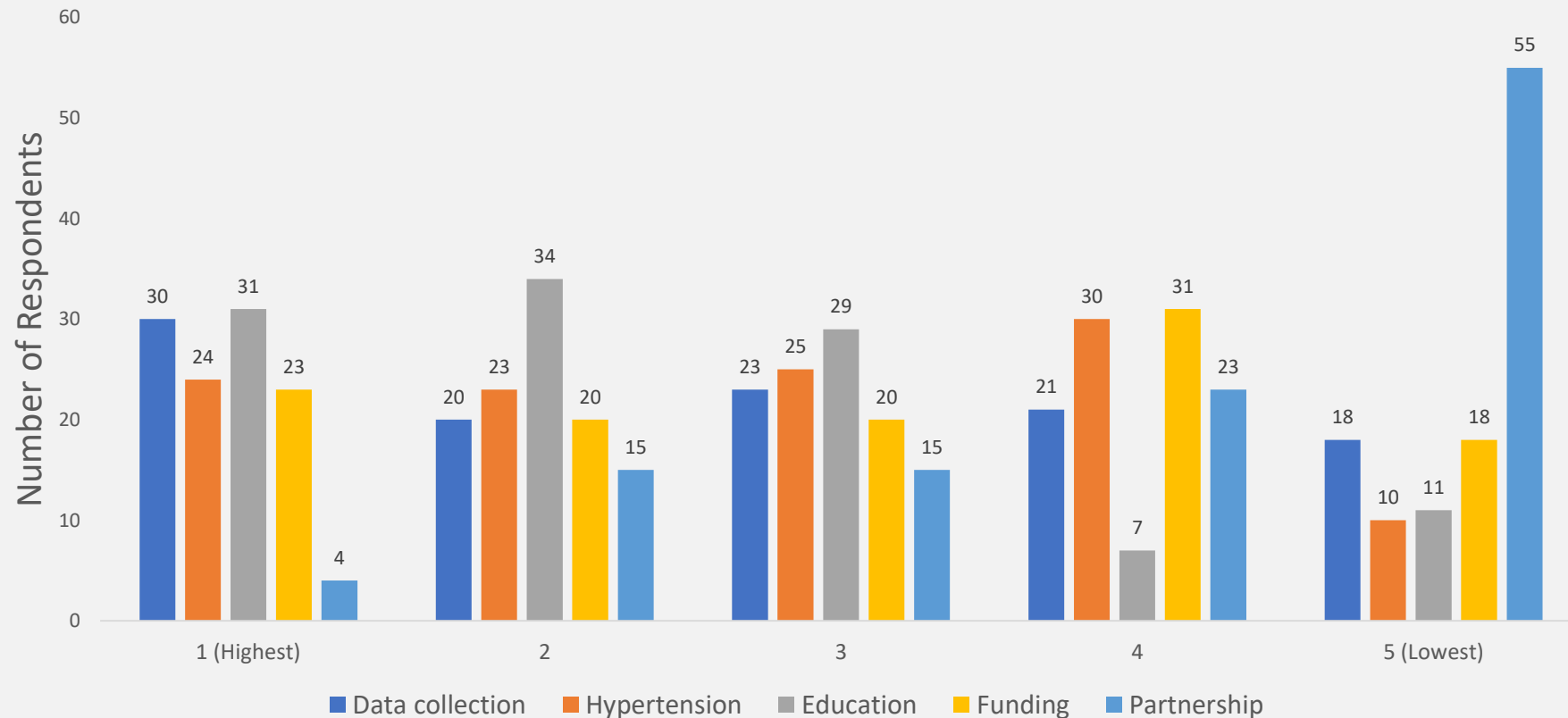
# Results

The *CVD Council Legislative Letter (2019)* lists among its priorities for addressing heart disease and stroke the following:

- Data collection;
- Hypertension;
- Education;
- Funding for stroke and cardiac rehabilitation programs through Texas Workforce Commission (TWC); and,
- Partnership with others including American Heart Association, Nurses Association, Hospital Associations, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

# Results: Priority Rankings

Figure 1. Rank the following legislative recommendations from 1 (highest importance) to 5 (lowest importance).

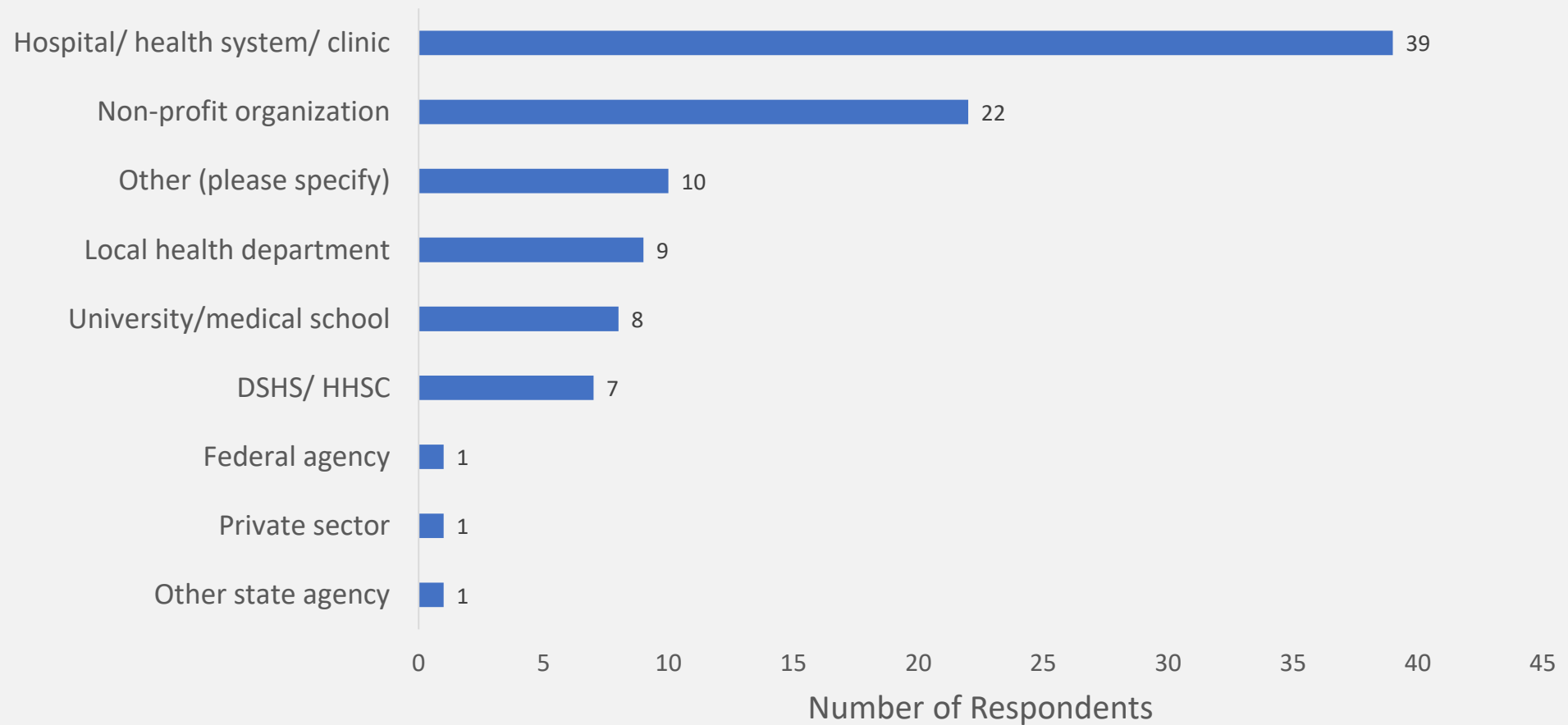


# Results: Additional Priorities

- Respondents were next asked to describe any additional legislative priorities they want the Council to consider
- Twenty-three respondents provided a response to this question.
  - Six of these responses were related to data collection, including the need to fund and expand data collection efforts.
  - Four comments mentioned the need to use the Regional Advisory Councils for cardiovascular work.
  - Three responses were related to increased support for rural and small hospitals
  - Two responses were related to improved access to primary care.
  - Two responses described the need for policies such as taxing sugar sweetened beverages and cigarettes and smoke-free ordinances.

# Results: Organization Type

Figure 2. Which of the following best describes your organization?





# Conclusions

- A total of 112 people responded to the input survey, with many representing hospitals/health systems/ clinics and non-profit organizations.
- Respondents indicated that the most important legislative recommendations are education and data collection. They felt the least important legislative recommendation was partnership with other organizations.
- The Council can use this input from partners and stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations for the upcoming 87th Legislative Session.

# Thank you!

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