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. The paper surveys were sorted into a "rules" and "no rules" pile. The "rules" surveys were entered into the Survey Monkey collector while the "no rules" were entered into a separate, closed survey where any number of answers could be selected and others could be skipped.

On July 1st 2017 we downloaded each of the collectors from Survey Monkey. We first dealt with the "no rules" surveys. We needed to weight each of the responses 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 responses with less than 3 because they had the option to select more and chose not to do so. With the weight determined, we applied the formula to the "no rules" data and then added the remaining collectors to the spreadsheet.

Analysis Results:
1. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns in the community where you live are***:
   - Nassau and Suffolk County respondents agreed that Cancer and Drugs and Alcohol Abuse were the top two concerns.
   - These three choices represented roughly 30% of the total responses.

2. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns for yourself are:***
   - Nassau and Suffolk County respondents agreed that Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease & Stroke, and Obesity/Weight Loss Issues are all among the top five concerns.
   - These four choices represented about 50% of the total responses.

Questions 1 & 2 helped determine the priority areas for the upcoming community health assessments. In both counties there was an emphasis from community members on Chronic Disease so this was selected as the priority area.

3. The next question sought to ***identify potential barriers that people face when getting medical treatment***:
   - Nassau County respondents felt that No Insurance, being Unable To Pay Co-pays/Deductibles, and Language Barriers were the most significant barriers.
   - Suffolk County respondents felt that No Insurance, being Unable To Pay Co-pays/Deductibles, and Fear were the most significant barriers.
   - In Nassau, these three choices represented roughly 50% of the total responses.
   - In Suffolk, these three choices represented roughly 55% of the total responses.

4. When asked ***what was most needed to improve the health of your community:***
   - Nassau County respondents felt that Healthier Food Choices, Clean Air & Water, and Job Opportunities were most needed.
   - These choices accounted for 30% of the total responses.
   - For Suffolk County, respondents felt that Food Choices, Clean Air & Water, and Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services were most needed.
   - These choices accounted for almost 40% of the total responses.

5. When people were asked ***what health screenings or education services are needed in your community***:
   - Nassau County respondents felt that the Importance of Blood Pressure, Cancer, and Cholesterol services were most needed.
   - Suffolk County respondents felt that Cancer, Mental Health/Depression, and Blood Pressure services were most needed.
   - In Nassau, these three choices represented roughly 30% of the total responses.
   - In Suffolk, these three choices represented roughly 30% of the total responses.

6. For the final question people were asked ***where do you and your family get most of your health information***:
   - Both Nassau and Suffolk County 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 50% of the total responses.
   - In Suffolk, these three choices represented roughly 60% of the total responses.

1,861 surveys have been collected between January 1st and June 30th, 2017. For Nassau County there were 1,149 respondents total, which means our responses have a confidence level of 95% and a confidence interval of 2.89. For Suffolk County we had 627 respondents which means our responses have a confidence level of 95% and a confidence interval of 3.91. These values are based on the 2010 census for Nassau 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