

Summary of Cheyenne Task Force priorities:

Cheyenne County Task Force - Priority / Benefits Survey

27-Jun-14

11 out of 12 task force members responded: 92% response rate

33 possible answers

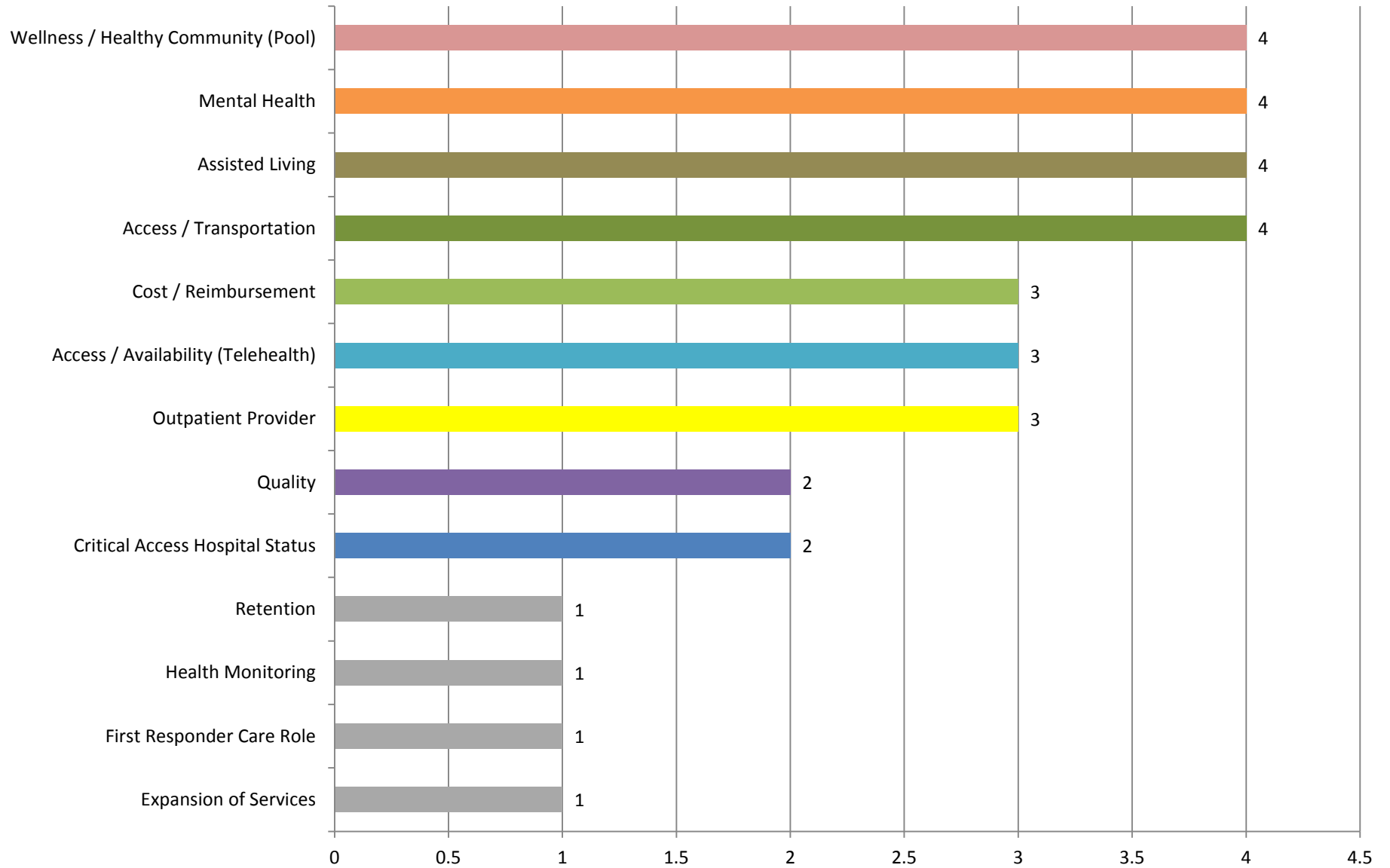
13 priorities identified in responses

Note: "Weighted" graph is based on assigning 3 points to priorities selected as 1, 2 to priority 2, and 1 to priority 3

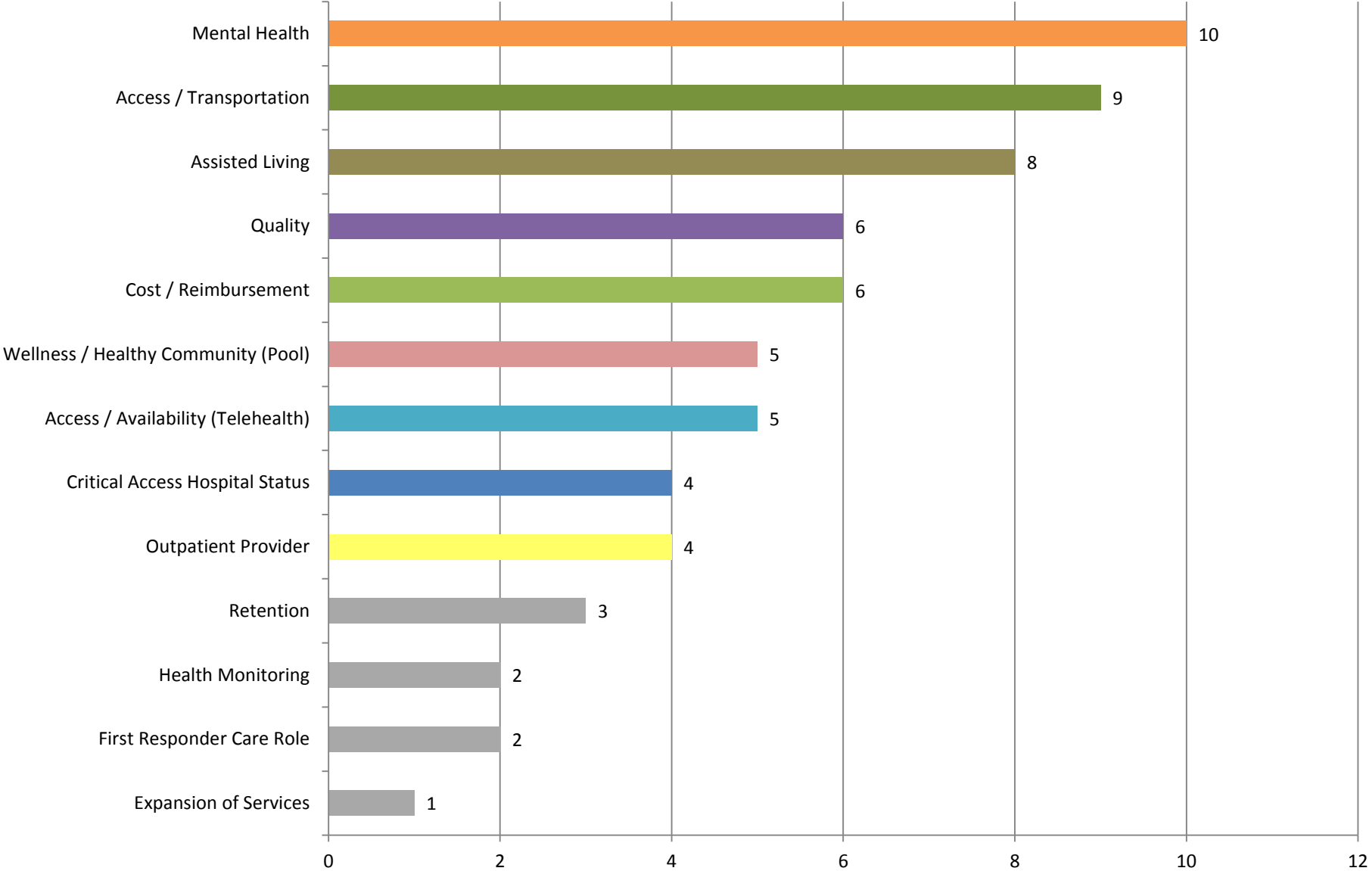
Weight: 3 points 2 points 1 point

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Access / Transportation	Access / Availability	Access / Availability - Telehealth
Access / Transportation	Access / Availability	Access / Transportation
Assisted Living	Access / Transportation	Assisted Living
Assisted Living	Cost / Reimbursement	Assisted Living
Cost / Reimbursement	Critical Access Hospital status	Cost / Reimbursement
Critical Access Hospital status	First Responder Care Role	Expansion of Services
Mental Health	Health Monitoring	Outpatient Provider
Mental Health	Mental Health	Outpatient Provider
Quality	Mental Health	Wellness / Healthy Community
Quality	Outpatient Provider	Wellness / Healthy Community
Retention	Wellness / Healthy Community - Pool	Wellness / Healthy Community

Unweighted Priority Description by Total Responses



Weighted Priority Description by Total Responses



Priority	Benefits
<i>Access / Availability (Telehealth)</i>	Correlates with economic development efforts, convenience / necessity, could negatively impact EMS (decrease in transfers) however the cost/benefit is acceptable
<i>Access / Transportation</i>	EMS may be able to offer operational support, increased revenue potential if patients not limited by transportation, for surgery conducted out of area - patient can return home for therapy if transportation is available, timely referrals for patients that can't drive out of town and are trying to make arrangements to get to the point of service
<i>Assisted Living</i>	Retaining residents in community, reduce readmits for individuals that don't need nursing home but cannot home alone, economic development - potential revenue source, bridges care between hospital and home (or hospital / long term care) without burdening long term care facility, families of patients needing assisted living may not relocate if patient doesn't have to relocate
<i>Cost / Reimbursement</i>	Serve more patients, sustain services, Make Cheyenne Co more competitive with surrounding medical services
<i>Critical Access Hospital Status</i>	Quality health services for the county with employment for residents, maintaining economic status of county
<i>Expansion of Services</i>	Increase management resources for chronic illness, increase primary care services offered in the home, financial / economic development, one stop shopping
<i>First Responder Care Role</i>	increase staff utilization, decrease cost of delivery for some primary care services
<i>Health Monitoring</i>	Early disease detection, better treatment compliance
<i>Mental Health</i>	Public safety, free up law enforcement resources, maintain work productivity, less ER visits for mental health issues, less disruption to clinic schedules for mental health issues, cohesion among staff / students
<i>Outpatient Provider</i>	Patients do not have to leave area for service (stay in town), More outreach providers / services will keep more patients at home and hopefully bring other patients into the system
<i>Quality</i>	Correlates with economic development efforts
<i>Retention</i>	Seamless transition
<i>Wellness / Healthy Community (Pool)</i>	Improved health of community, provide education, reduce long-term / chronic illness, wellness facility, economic development

General Comments:

Too many people have to drive (even if 35 miles) for asst living apartments and specialty physicians which in turn takes business out of our community. A wellness center could touch all ages of people in the community and has the potential for creating jobs. The asst living facility would also increase the number of jobs available to residents.

Priority 1 - Better staff resources for limited law enforcement resources, and potential saving to tax dollars for reduced budget cost of transporting mental/behavioral health patients to distance facilities for care. Could see a reduction in public safety risk as well if services were more available to mitigate incidents.

The idea is that if people are healthier there is less need for treating illness, hence reduced societal cost in regard to entitlement spending and healthcare spending in general.

A review of what measures have been undertaken elsewhere.

The ability to retain the current options of healthcare are vital as we see some of our providers moving and retiring. In order to retain the current consumers of those services we need to have plans in place to be able to continue having those services locally available in the interim or with a seamless transition. With more services provided locally, possible transportation, or more accessible healthcare we are bound to have more consumers. The sheer idea of convenience is one that we all desire and for others it is a matter of necessity. With more services locally we no longer have to sacrifice consumers to other markets where they may do other "shopping" as well.

1. schools are seeing more cyber bullying kids are in need of mental health counseling at the schools in the county; marital domestic violence is a big concern in the county with mental issues needing to be addressed - so many patients seen through the clinic are on some type of mental medication - we don't have the mental illness facilities and specialist to assist in this area of health. 2. We struggle to keep services in the community due to not enough volume or transportation issues getting specialist to travel to NW KS. Keeping manpower such as nurses at the hospital - we go in spurts having enough nurses then at other times, we don't have enough and must use agency nursing which is costly. We need to balance using our medical providers in the clinic - always having at least two in the clinic during clinic hours. 3. Our community needs a community wellness center, new swimming pool, etc. to keep people active to help prevent chronic diseases. The need is also there to keep an Eldercare assistance program active.

To create better health care service, all providing entities need to work together.