Regional Health Equity Action Team

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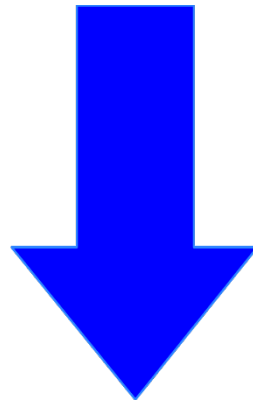Office of Health Equity

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COVID-19 Health Equity Response Team

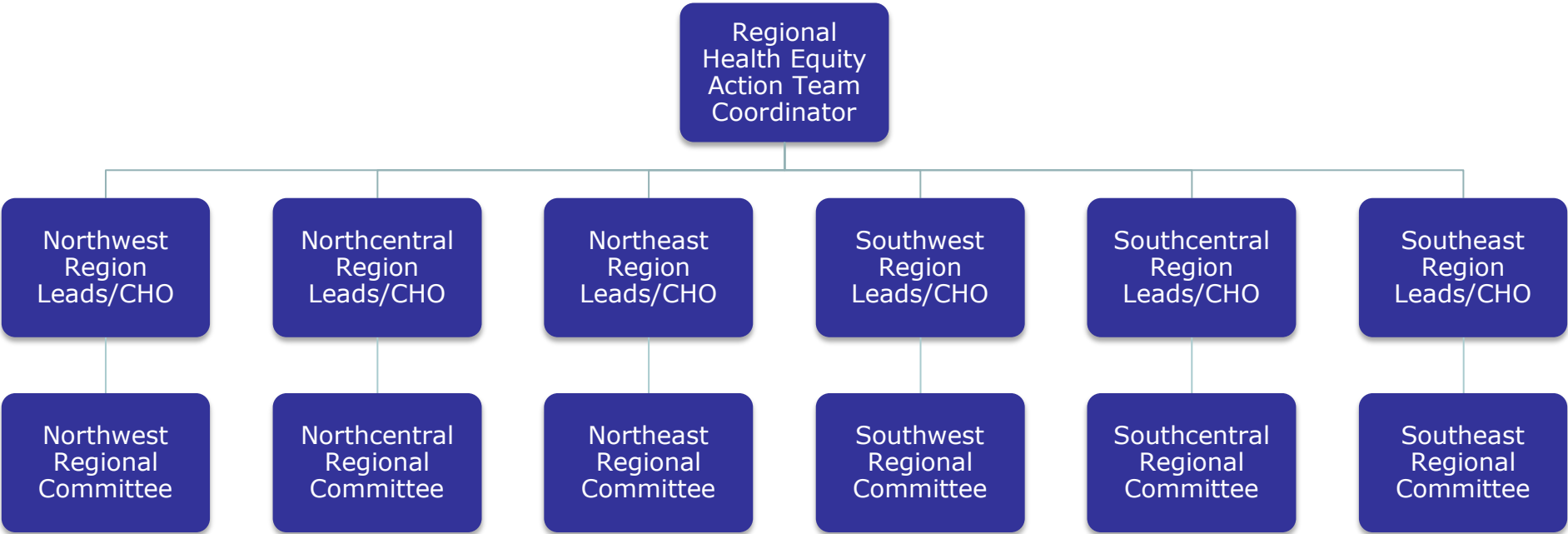## COVID-19 and Population focused

Health Equity Action Team

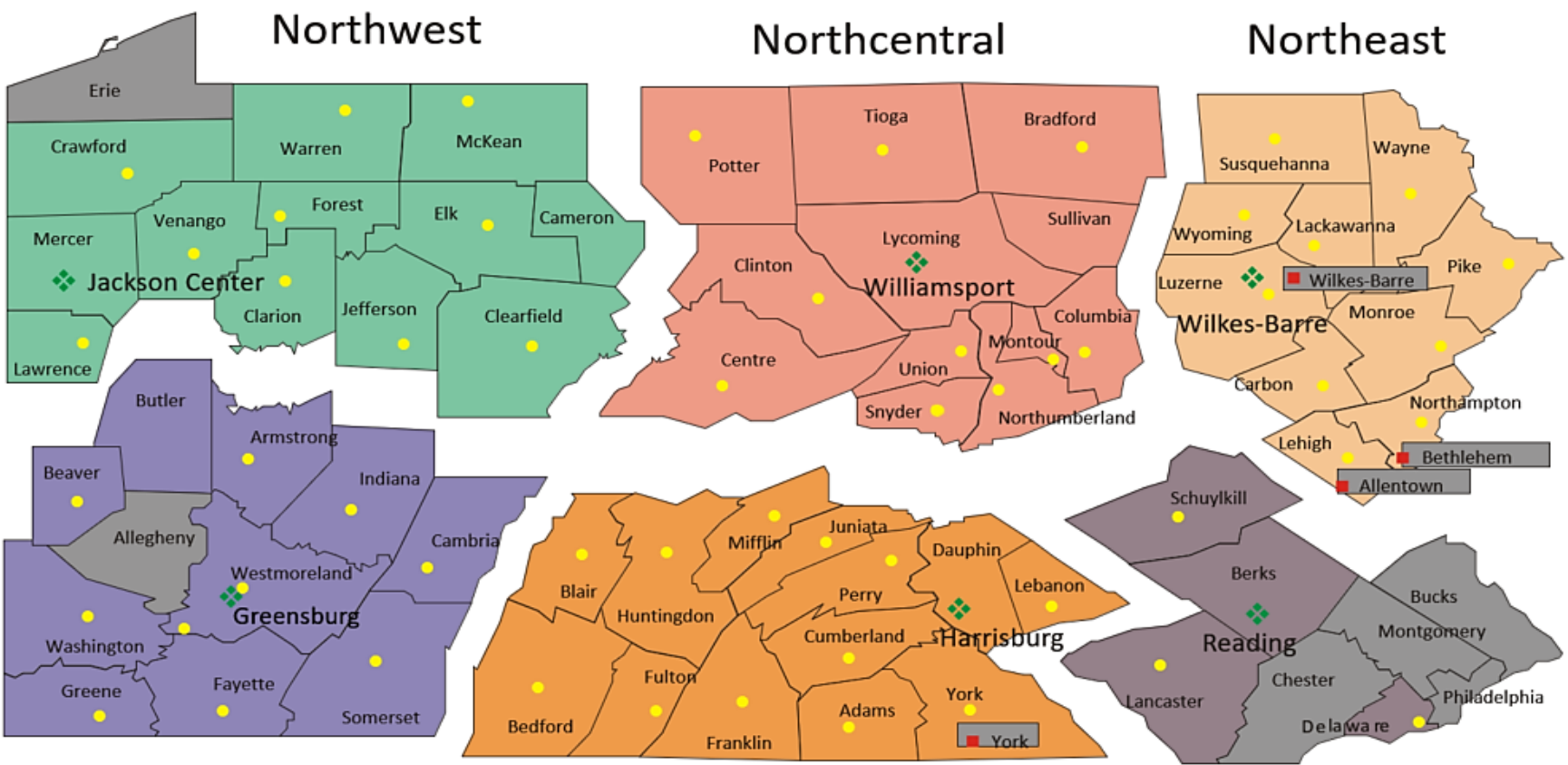## Community focused

The Goal

Regional Health Equity Action Team

Regionalize the evergreen aspects of the COVID-19 Health Equity Response Team recommendations to improve health equity across the Commonwealth

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Regional HEAT Structure

Regional Health Equity Action Team Coordinator

- Northwest Region Leads/CHO
  - Northwest Regional Committee
- Northcentral Region Leads/CHO
  - Northcentral Regional Committee
- Northeast Region Leads/CHO
  - Northeast Regional Committee
- Southwest Region Leads/CHO
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- Southcentral Region Leads/CHO
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- Southeast Region Leads/CHO
  - Southeast Regional Committee

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Geographical Breakdown
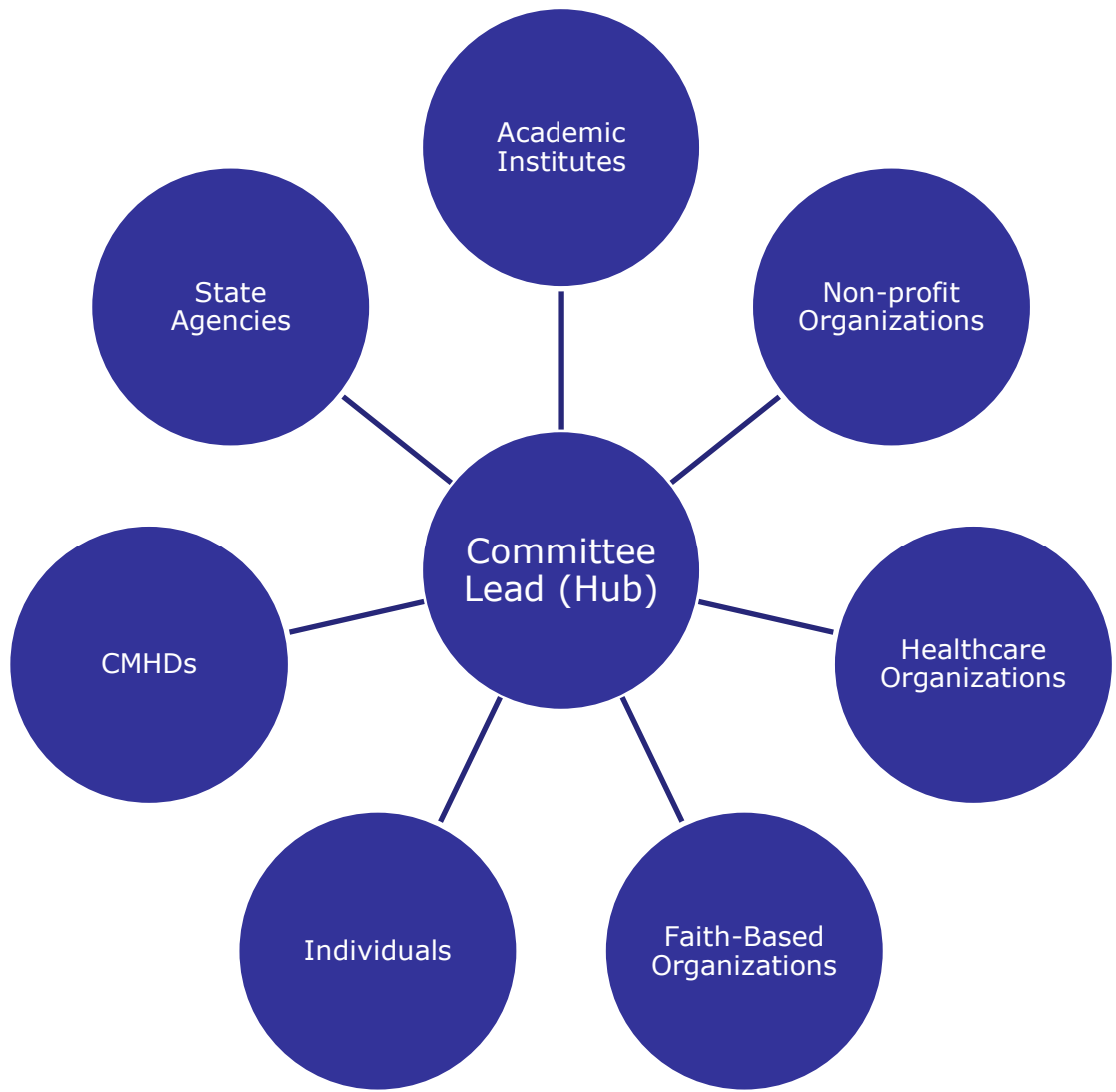
Committee Creation

180+ participants across all regions

Groups Represented

- Primary Health Network
- Keystone Health
- PolicyLab at CHOP
- YMCA
- Volunteers of America of PA
- United Way
- Penn State College of Medicine
- PA State Agencies
- Achieva: The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh
- Elizabethtown College
- Black Equity Coalition
- CAAP
- Alzheimer's Association

- Erie County Department of Health
- Delaware County Department of Health
- Allegheny County Department of Health
- Philadelphia Department of Health

AND MORE!

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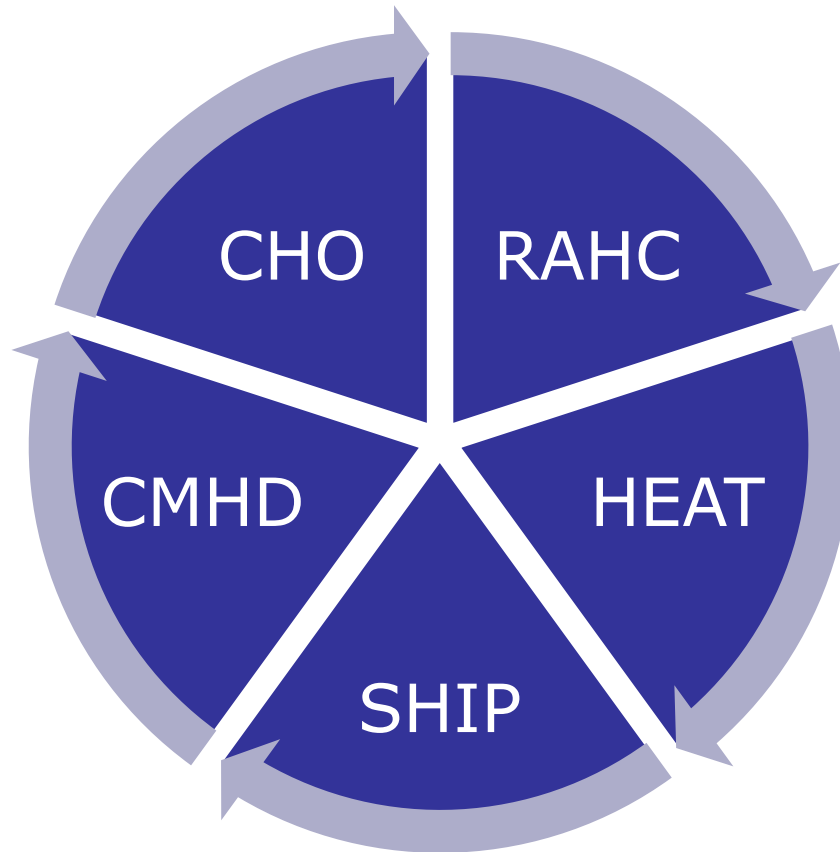DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Our Vision

Support

- Regional Committee Leads
  - Leading individuals
- Community Health Organizers
  - Support at the county level
- Office of Health Equity
  - Provide guidance if needed
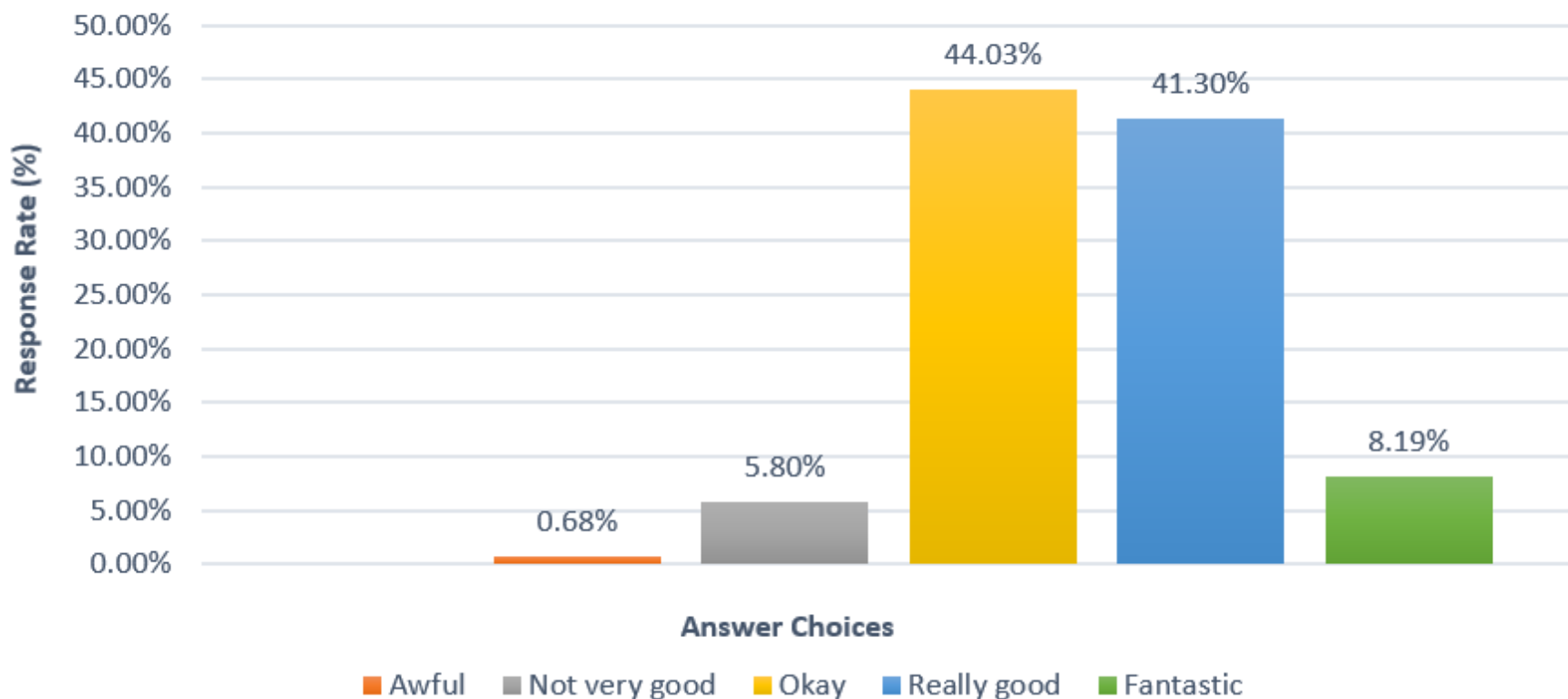
Goal Alignment

Resources

Experiences

Expertise

Support

CHO   RAHC   HEAT   SHIP   CMHD

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What have we done so far?

- Participated in community events across the state

- Dispersed vital public health resources

- **Community Insight Survey completed**

- PA State Health Improvement Plan Alignment
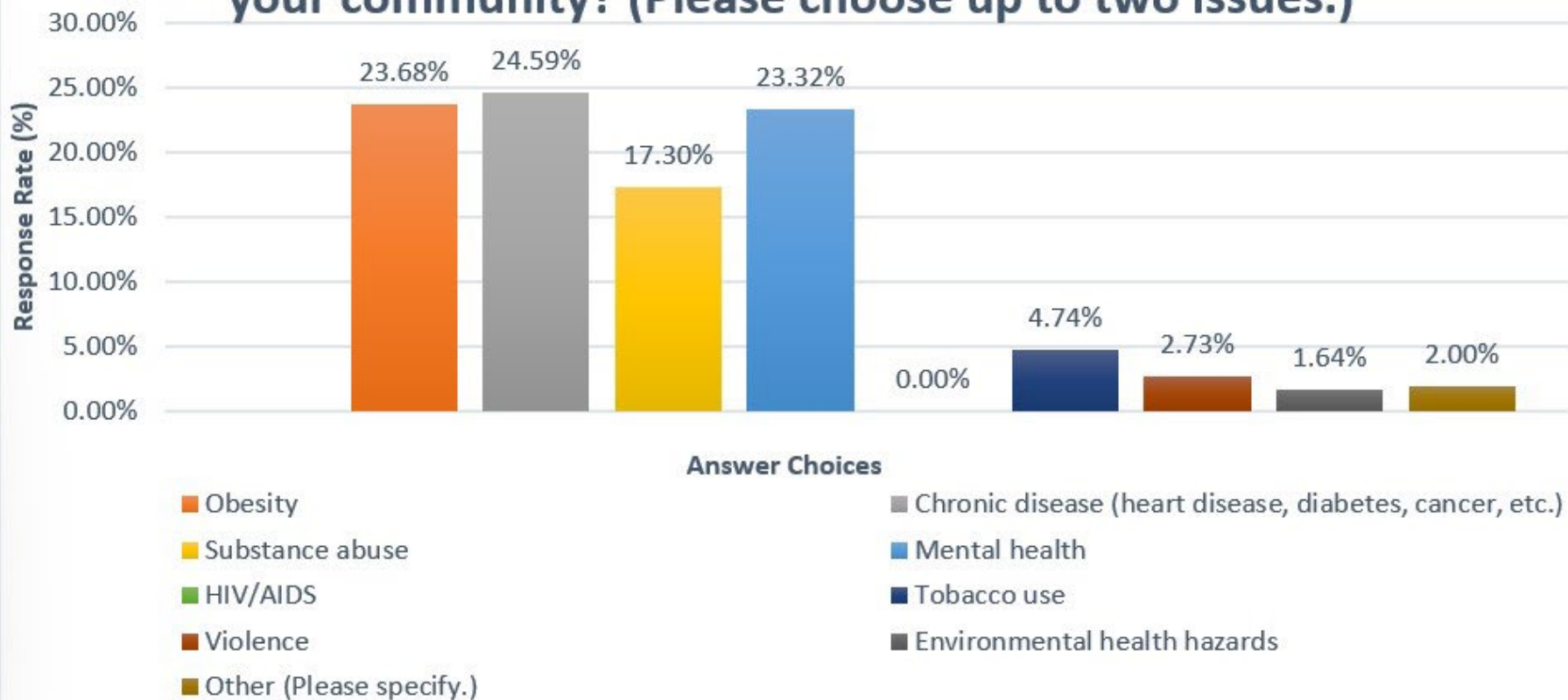
- PA DHS Regional Accountable Health Councils Merge

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Community Insight Survey Results

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What are the most severe health issues experienced in your community? (Please choose up to two issues.)

Response Rate (%)

- 23.68%
- 24.59%
- 17.30%
- 23.32%
- 0.00%
- 4.74%
- 2.73%
- 1.64%
- 2.00%

Answer Choices

- ■ Obesity
- ■ Substance abuse
- ■ HIV/AIDS
- ■ Violence
- ■ Other (Please specify.)
- ■ Chronic disease (heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc.)
- ■ Mental health
- ■ Tobacco use
- ■ Environmental health hazards

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What do we plan on achieving?

- Identify key community health initiatives to expand

- Utilize committee resource & expertise sharing

- Increase community awareness of resources

- Allow more public health initiatives to be both ***affordable and accessible***

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Please email any questions or participation interest to:

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