



BUILDING A BIGGER WAVE

Provincial Network for VAW
Coordinating Committees

This is the second year of the survey to ask Violence Against Women Coordinating Committees (VAWCCs) about actions that have been taken to support implementation of recommendations from the 2022 CKW Renfrew Inquest, or other inquests and inquiries. We are working to strengthen community coordination, and to move the violence response ecosystem upstream toward prevention.

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28 Responding Committees

Algoma Council on Domestic Abuse

BRAVE Committee (Brant's Response Against Violence Everywhere)

Chatham-Kent Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women

Coalition de Prescott-Russell pour éliminer la violence faite aux femmes

Coalition to End Violence Against Women (CEVAW)

Domestic Abuse Resource Team Oxford

Dufferin/Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team

EVA (End Violence Alliance) Renfrew County

GBV Prevention Huron

Guelph-Wellington Action Committee (GWAC)

Halton Violence Prevention Committee (HPVC)

Kingston Frontenac Anti-Violence Coordinating Committee

Lanark County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program

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Lennox and Addington

Middlesex-London Network

Muskoka DART

Nipissing District VAWCC

North Bay VAWCC

Northumberland VAWCC

Parry Sound VAWCC

Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse (PCAWA)

Sarnia Lambton CCVAW

Stop VAW Coordinating Committee of Perth County

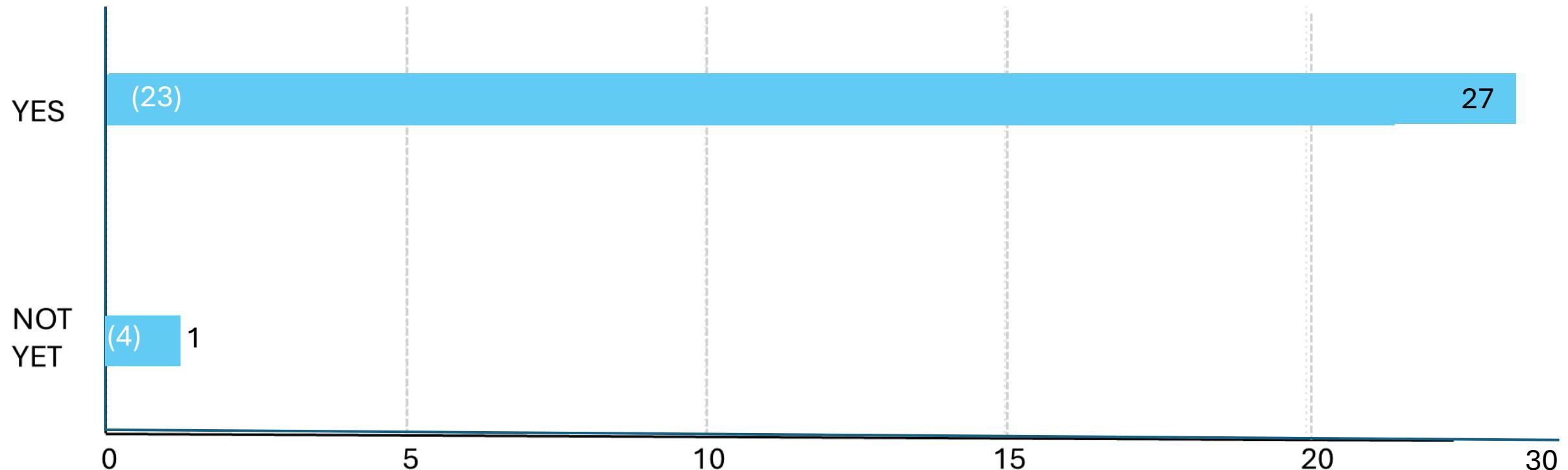
Thunder Bay and District CC to End Woman Abuse

Violence Prevention Grey Bruce

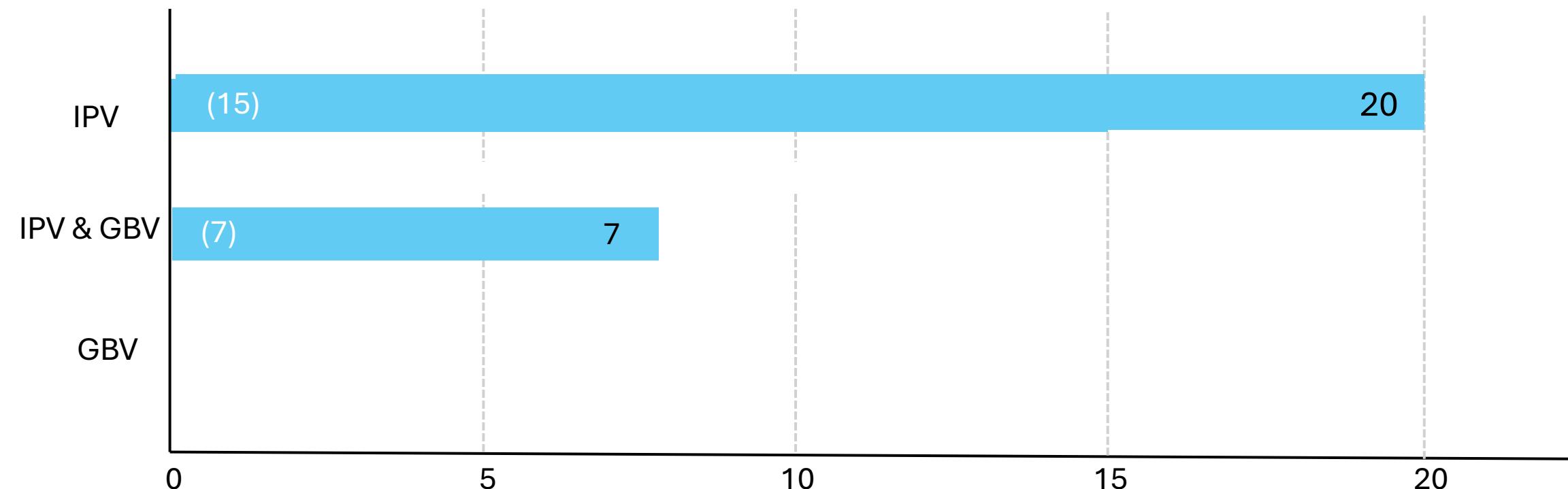
Woman Abuse Working Group

Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region VAWCC

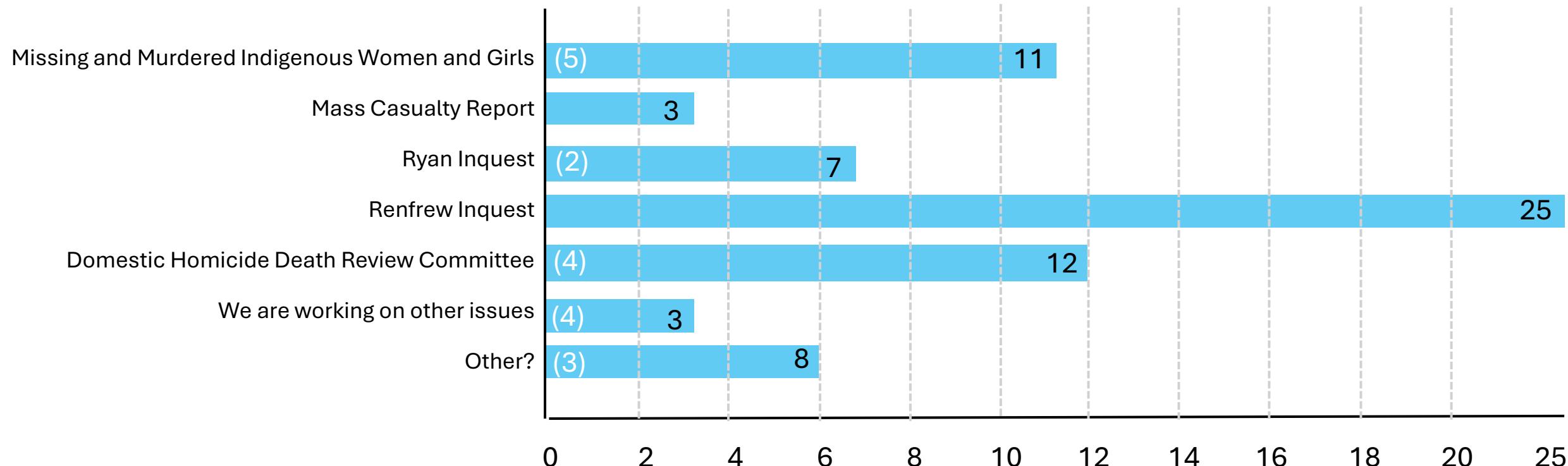
2. Has your local government declared intimate partner violence (IPV) an epidemic?



3. If the declaration has happened, was it for IPV alone or IPV and GBV, or GBV?



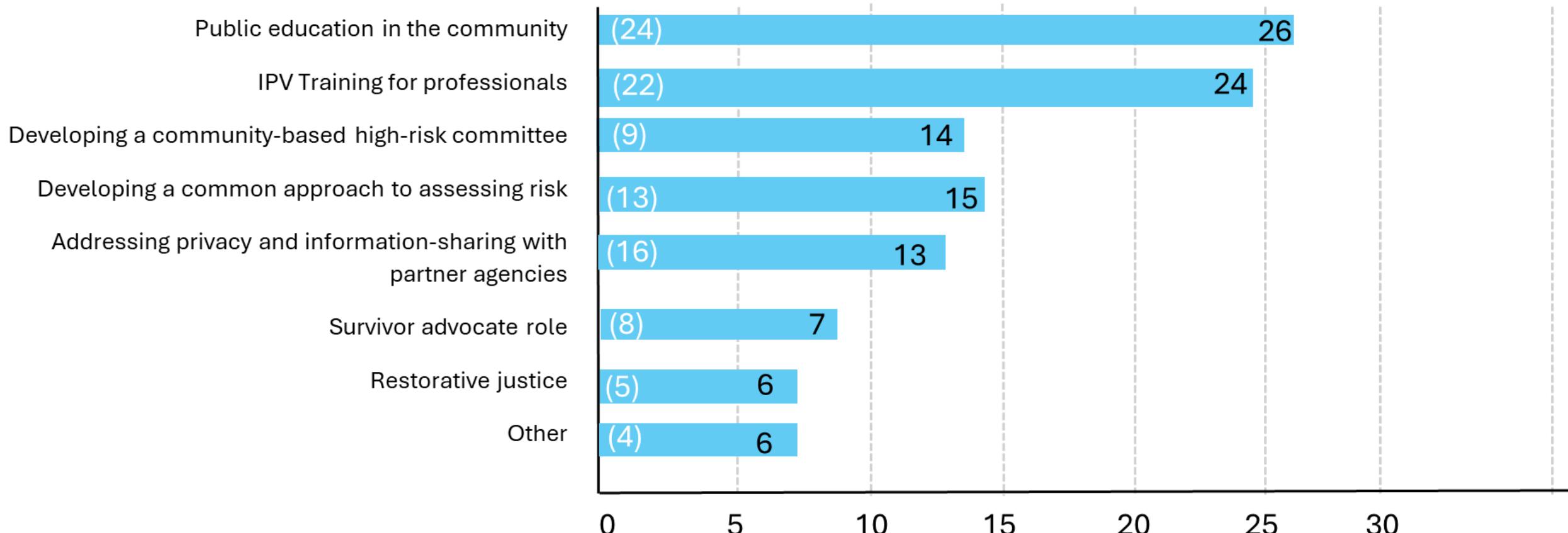
4. Is your committee working on implementing recommendations from: (choose all that apply)



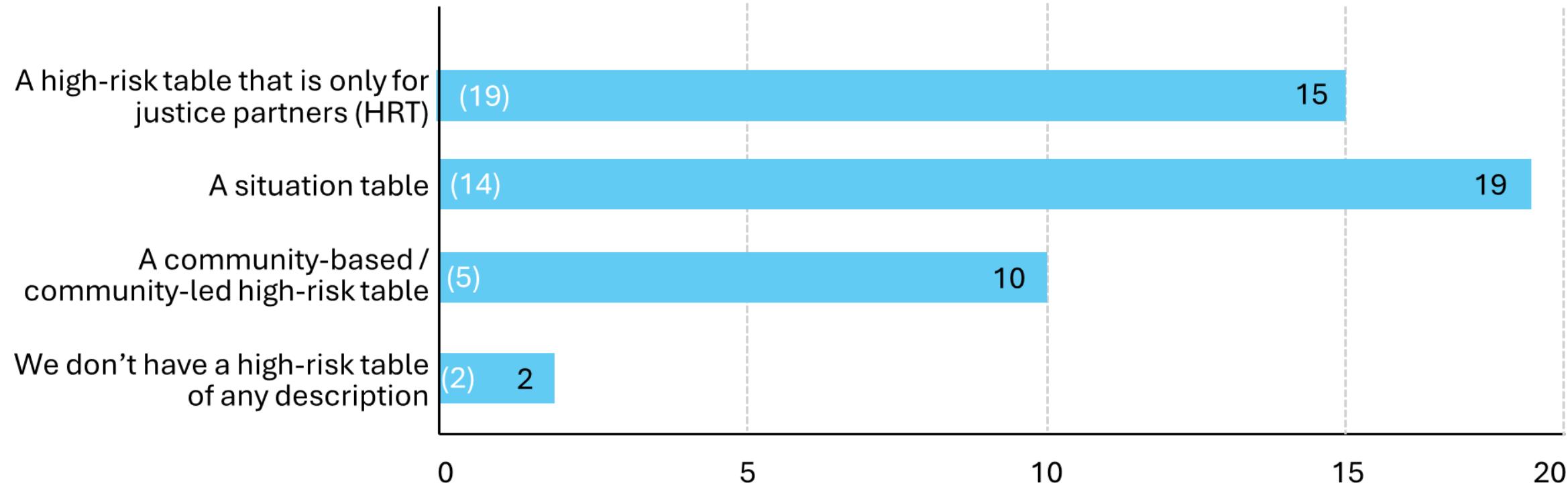
4. Other responses:

- We try to have awareness of recommendations from several of the other items, but have focused more on Renfrew Inquest
- Survivor Panel
- Would like to start focusing more on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- We will be working on Renfrew, Ryan and MMIWG
- Working on integrating current projects with specific recommendations from the above reports - but our actions are not currently informed by the reports but our work aligns with recommendations within the reports
- we are in the process of re-establishing the committee for this area and are actively recruiting members
- Service provider training, Community Collaboration, rebuilding relationships at our table, community events

6. Please indicate if your committee is working on any of these recommendation areas: (choose all that apply)



5. Does your community have... (Check all that apply)



6. Other responses:

- CSWB plan - SA/DV/IPV/GBV pillar
- System Mapping
- GBV Training for City Councillors and Senior leadership staff



7. More information would be great, tell us what you are working on:

- When we apply for funding through grants that have a victim focus, we try to include upstream initiatives related to prevention (specifically education for men/boys, working with offenders, and to try to implement Renfrew Inquest recommendations)
- High-Risk Action Table for Femicide Prevention
- Engaging with men and developing a common approach to risk
- Regional Rural Response to Renfrew Project in the southwest

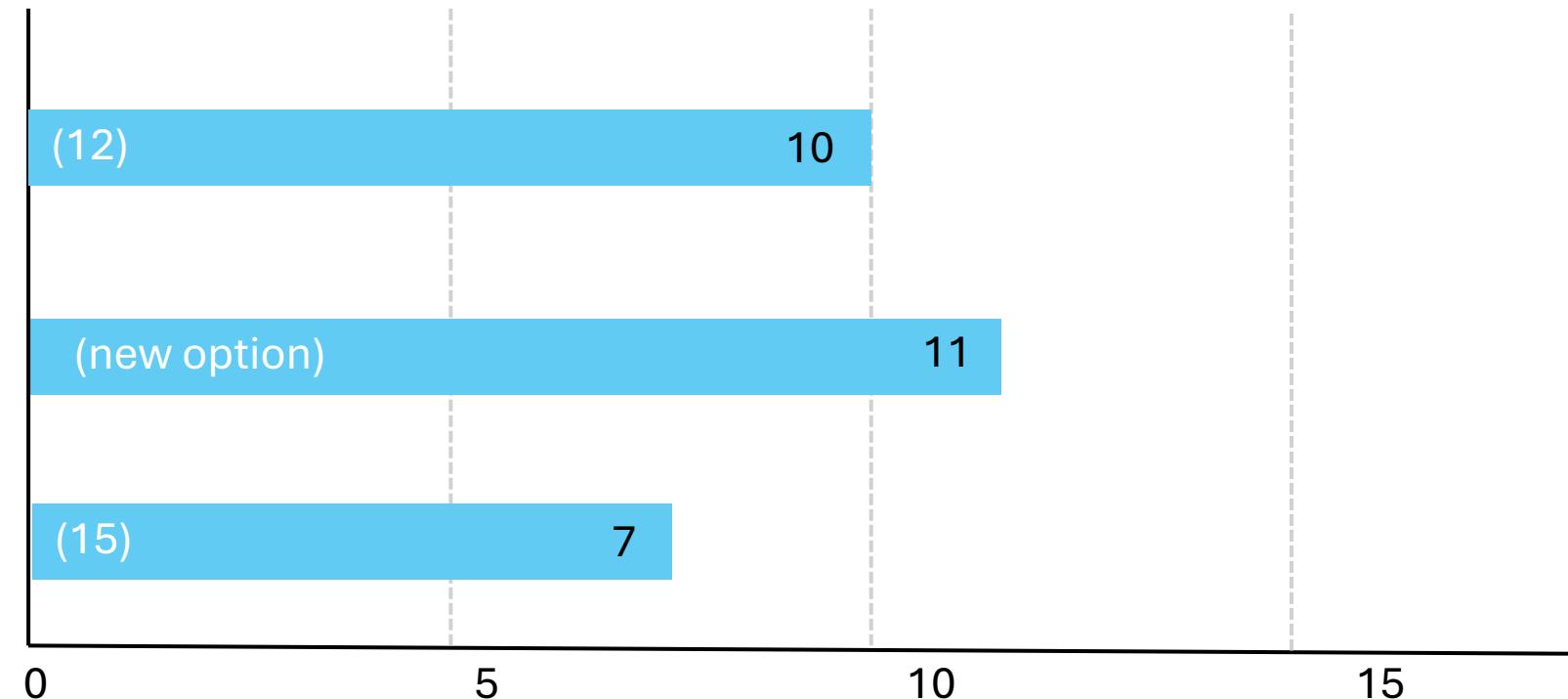


8. Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee: Was your VAWCC involved with creating the community plan?

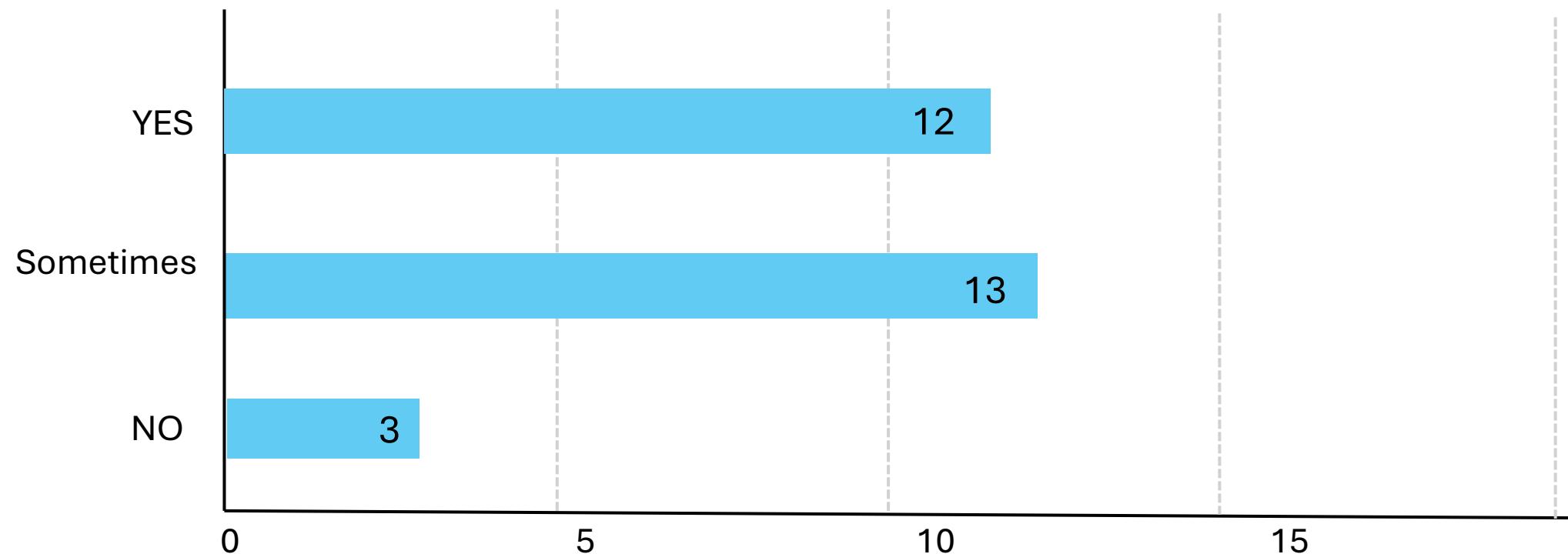
YES, and we were involved in the original plan

We were not involved in the original plan, but we are now

NO, we are not involved in the CSWB planning process



9. Is your VAWCC consulted as an expert group in your community?
(for example: by CSWB or government)

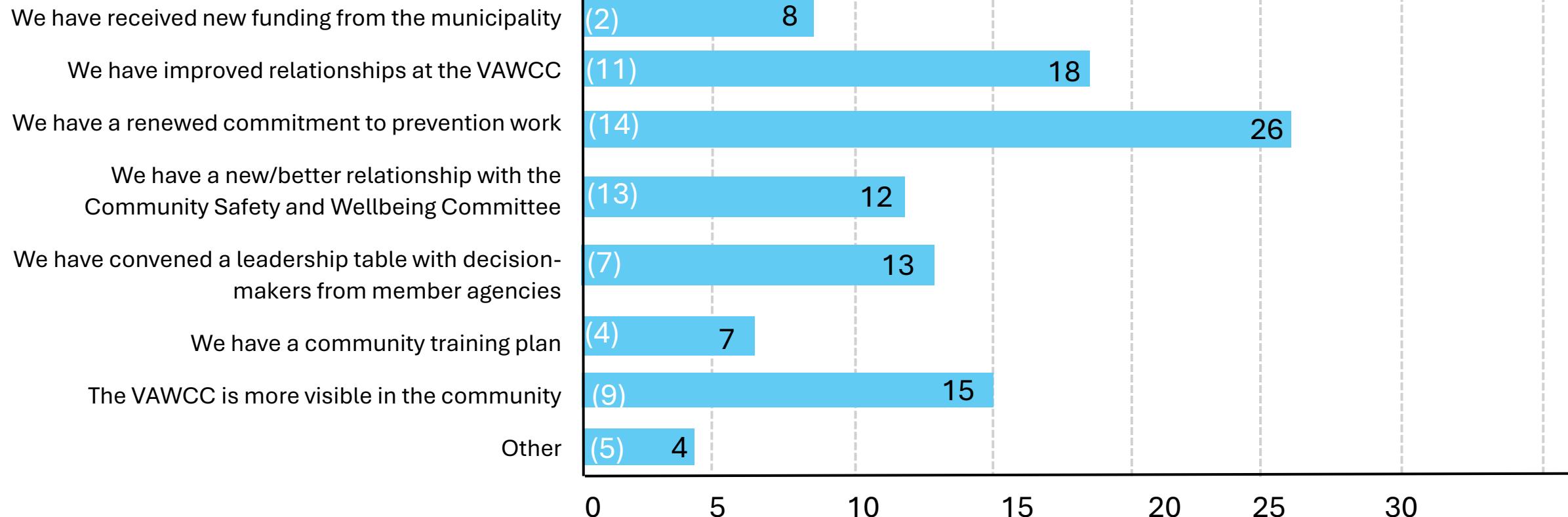


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Comments:

- Due to the size of our county, it is often the individual agencies that are consulted as the committee has a lower profile.
- When we are asked to come to the table regarding GBV/IPV it in the role of a VAW organization
- Will be following up on this
- When we campaigned to have IPV declared an epidemic- the mayor of North Bay initially denied us coming to talk as he did not see it as a community safety issue

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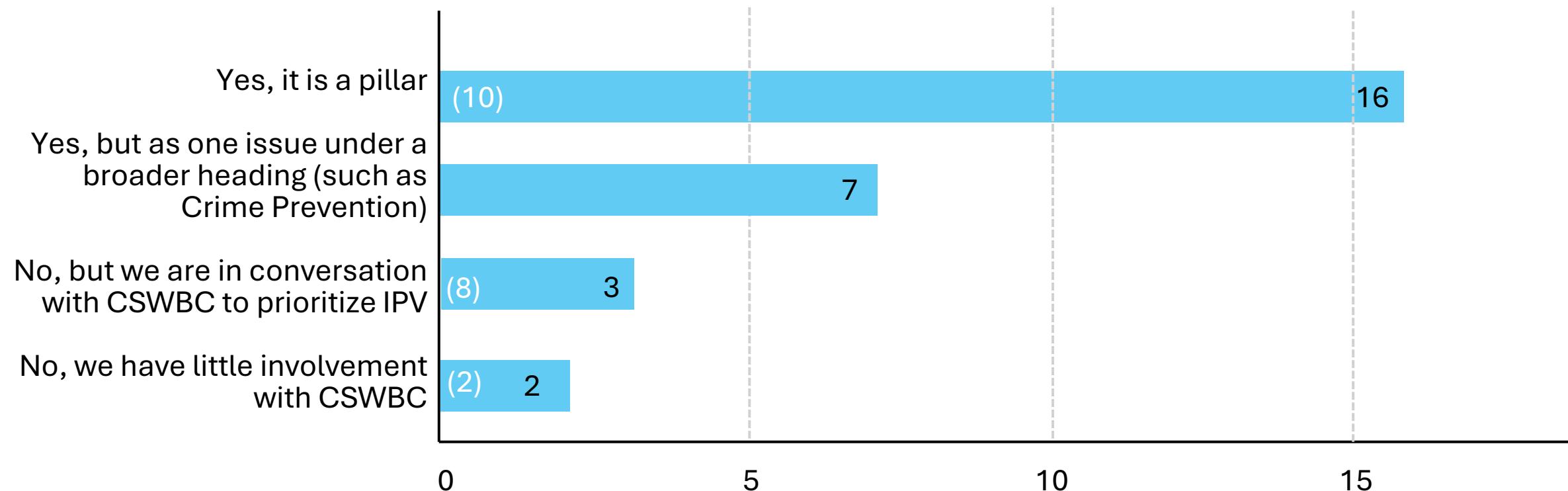
- Ministry of Health funding to increase staffing
- \$100,000 for community coordination/annualized commitments of WAWG
- She C.A.N. fund for survivors - \$100 000 for 2023/24, amount for this year unknown.
- Approx \$35,000 for Coordinator Role
- For rural outreach support in the county - four different member organizations received funding
- \$300,000, for operational funding as we had expanded into Brampton
- \$31000, training
- From two local grants. One was half of what we asked for, for a Community Pledge project; the other from the Oakville Community Fund was 10k

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Comments / con't:

- We have a consistently good relationship with our CSWB committee
- City held an IPV Forum which our VAWCC presented at
- We are working with our city, public health and united way to create a city-wide prevention and education initiative for GBV and IPV
- Thanks to our Community Pledge to Address the IPV Epidemic and our Halton 360 Community Hub

9. Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee: Is IPV included in the community plan?

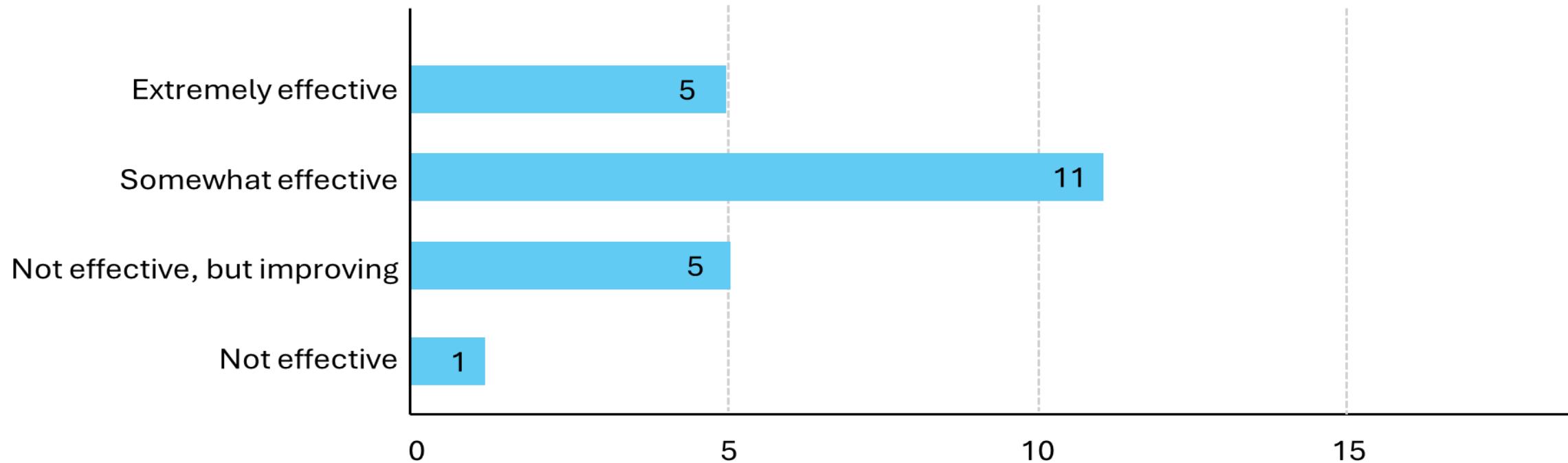


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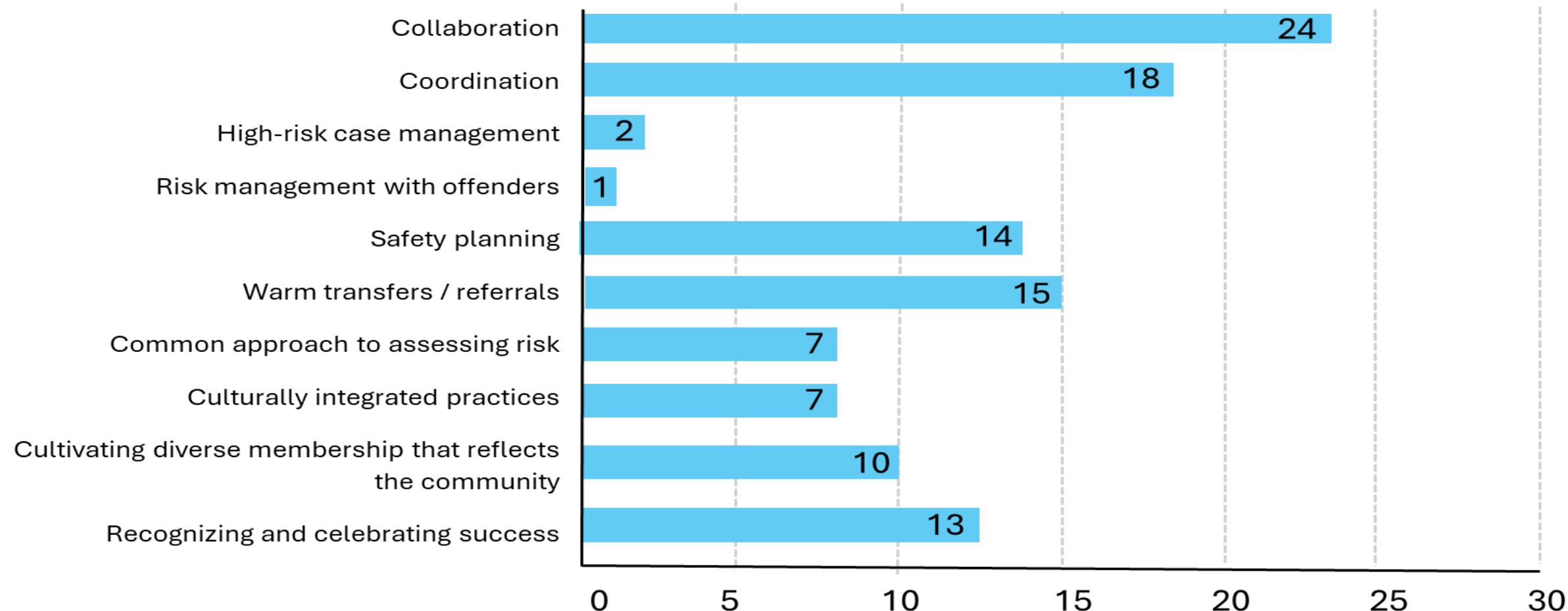
- Representatives from the CSWB attend the monthly VPCC meetings and have been contributing to the 2023 – 2024 Work Plan
- We have always had an excellent relationship with our municipal councils, CSWB and partner agencies - many of the above already apply. We have not asked for funding, but when we ask for support for advocacy at higher levels of government we always receive it.
- community training plan is in progress
- We are working in a lot of these areas to strengthen relationships but it was not related to the City of Stratford's declaration
- In meetings with the City, United Way and other community organizations to develop a 3-year communication/education campaign/strategy plan



11. As a VAWCC member, how effective would you assess your community at managing IPV high-risk cases?



12. Which are the elements of community coordination that you feel your VAWCC is most effective? Check the ones that apply:



13. Is there anything else you would like to share?

- We have encountered challenges with making a case for integrating Primary Prevention into addressing Family Violence. We are slowly making progress with respect to why the Upstream approach (shifting the Cultural and Social Norms which support violence) is necessary if we are to effectively address Violence. We are also paying attention to our language, to avoid simultaneously perpetrating an atmosphere of Aggression/Violence, while professing to Prevent Violence.
- It's a marathon. At our network, we're focusing on data gathering and infrastructure first, the snapshot, web resources, engaging survivors in meaningful feedback/input, while also building a means to prioritize our outreach, education and prevention efforts based on the data we collect as part of the survey. If the initial survey is well-received and we are successful in obtaining data - we are aiming to do it as a longitudinal study in our region each year - implementing education and outreach based on actual data and then measuring the impact of that outreach over the 3-5 year period.
- This committee is a fairly new group of folks working together so we have been focused on building the committee and the collaboration of all around the table.



Thank you everyone who contributed

