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Background and Design

In 2014, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) released a Board/Climate Survey to its membership under the direction of the Board President and Executive Director. This survey was designed to get feedback specifically for the board, as well as to assess the climate of membership and their connection and overall attitudes towards WCASA. The survey included a total of 12 questions, some with multiple options. No questions were required, and respondents were allowed to exclude any information, including demographic information to protect their identity.

The survey received 126 responses. This report provides the quantitative responses, stratified by four general groups: region, race/ethnicity, years involved with WCASA, and professional role/position. Caution should be used when comparing groups, as sample sizes are small. The sections below show how data was collected for these four categories.

Region

Respondents were provided with a labeled regional map and asked the following question, “Please select the region where you are located.” They were able to select one of the six options below. 111 of 126 respondents answered this question. A minimum of 14 responses were collected for each region. Responses are listed in the pie chart below:

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Years Involved

Respondents were asked to select an option to, “How long have you been involved with WCASA in the sexual assault movement?” The options included: 0-1 year, 2 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years, or Over 8 years. 120 of 126 respondents answered the question. Responses are listed in the pie chart below:

Race

Respondents were given an open-ended text box and provided the following prompt: “Please self-identify your race/ethnicity by using any descriptor(s) you are comfortable sharing.” This option was selected by leadership in a desire to allow recipients to identify in a way in which they were most comfortable.

Of the 126 respondents, 41 skipped the question and 85 respondents provided responses. Of those 85 responses, 4 responses did not provide racial/ethnic information. The remaining 81 were coded into one of the following categories: African American, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Latina, Multiracial, Native American, or White. Some Native American respondents also provided their tribe. This information is not shared here in order to help protect identity.

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The racial categories were divided into the following three categories:

1. **White / Caucasian (n=69)**
   - The categories of White and Caucasian were combined and equaled 69 respondents.
2. **Not Identified (n=45)**
   - The 41 respondents who did not provide a response as well as the four respondents who did not provide racial background in their response were combined to form the “Not Identified” group.
3. **ALL* (n=12)**
   - Although not ideal, due to very low sample sizes, the following categories were combined to form twelve respondents in the ALL* group: African American, Asian, Hispanic, Latina, Multiracial, and Native American.

This information can be found below:

**Total Respondents by Race Identification**

- **White / Caucasian, 69**
- **Not Identified, 45**
- **ALL*, 12**

Individuals “Not Identified” left this item blank or did not provide any racial / ethnic information.

**Breakdown of "ALL*"**

- Native American: 4
- Asian: 3
- African American: 2
- Hispanic / Latina: 2
- Multiracial: 1

Note
Position

Respondents were asked to select an option to, “Which best describes your role at your agency or your relationship to WCASA?” The options included: Administrative, Direct Services Staff, ED/Manager, Prevention Staff, Sexual Assault Advocate, Supporter, Survivor, or Other. Those who selected other were encouraged to write a brief description. 108 of 126 respondents answered the question. Responses are listed in the pie chart below:

Breakdown of "Other Position"
Attendance on Annual Meeting

**REGION:**
Attendance at Annual Meeting

- **Average:** 26%
- **Northwest:** 7%
- **Southwest:** 21%
- **Southeast:** 24%
- **Northeast:** 28%
- **South Central:** 28%
- **North Central:** 30%

**RACE:**
Attendance at Annual Meeting

- **Average:** 26%
- **ALL*:** 25%
- **White / Caucasian:** 26%
- **Not Identified:** 27%

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Connection and Support

Combined Responses

**I feel . . .**
- Supported by the agency of WCASA: 4.62
- Connected to WCASA staff: 4.26
- Connected to the WCASA board: 2.8

**WCASA helps me connect to . . .**
- A statewide movement to end sexual violence: 5.42
- Non-WCASA trainings, services, or resources: 5.27
- Other sexual assault service providers and allies: 5.25

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"I feel supported by the agency of WCASA."

Average: "I feel supported by the agency of WCASA."

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Attendance at WCASA Events

Respondents were asked to select their attendance at WCASA events through the following prompt, “Please select the following WCASA events/trainings which you have attended in the past year. (Please select all that apply.)” The events/trainings included were: Regional Meetings / Regional Trainings, Annual Meeting, WCASA Board of Directors Meeting, WCASA SAVAS Training, Lobby Day, Wrap Around the Capital/Luncheon/Voices of Courage Awards, Survivors and Allies Meeting, Executive Director Meetings, Political Hearing, and Webinars/Conference Call. 106 of 126 respondents answered the question.

Based on these responses, attendance is recorded in the subsequent pages. It is important to note that these show the attendance by SURVEY RESPONDENTS at these trainings/events. However, these categories do not depict actual attendance, as not all attendees responded to the survey. This is just a general snapshot of how survey respondents attended WCASA trainings and events.

Combined attendance for all events attended in the last year

84% of survey respondents attended a WCASA event in the last year. (106 of 126)

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