



Council of Governments Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2022

PLACE: Council Chambers at Tooele County Building
Located at 47 S. Main Street, Tooele, UT

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Voting Representatives:

Chair of COG Council Member Tom Tripp (Tooele County)

Vice-Chair of COG Brian Johnson (Rush Valley)

Council Member Jared Hamner (Tooele County) - Absent

Council Member Scott Wardle (Tooele County)

Council Member Tye Hoffmann (Tooele County) - Absent

Mayor Debbie Winn (Tooele City)

Council Member Dave McCall (Tooele City)

Mayor Nando Meli (Stockton) - Online

Mayor Neil A. Critchlow (Grantsville City) - Online

Mayor Dennis Sweat (City of Wendover) - Absent

Mayor John Olson (Town of Vernon)

Council Member Scott Droubay (Erda City) - Absent

Mark Ernst (Tooele County School District)

Non-Voting Representatives:

Colonel Eric Dennis (Army Depot)

Christopher Damour (Dugway Proving Ground)

Colonel Brain Hoffman (Dugway Proving Ground)

Guest:

Kendall Thomas

Jared Stewart with Tooele City -Online

Jessie Wilson with Grantsville City

Wayne Benion - Online

Dawn Ramsey – Mayor of South Jordan/ULCT

Rachael Terry – Deputy Director ULCT

Jeff Acerson – UTA Board Member

Staff:

Andy Welch (Tooele County Manager)
Brittany Lopez (Tooele County Assistant Manager)
Cylee Pressley (Administrative Assistant)
Rachelle Custer (Community Development Director)
Gary Dalton (Human Services Director)

Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2022

John Olson motioned to approve the minutes; Scott Wardle seconded the motion; all in favor.

Public Comments – none

Presentations

1. Human Services Needs Assessment Report – Cris Meier
(Refer to Attachment A)
2. Discuss Potential Legislation & Hear Policy Concerns – Mayor Dawn Ramsey & Racheal Terry
 - a. Encroachment on local zoning from the legislature
 - b. Transient room tax on class 3 counties
 - c. ADU's & impact fees

Economic Development Plan – Scott Wardle

The county is paying for a company to help with an economic development plan. The plan will encompass all the county so it's requested that Tooele County cities and towns share your philosophies and ideas with the county so it can be joint effort to promote the area. The desire is to represent your areas in the way you want it. Please send this information to Rachelle Custer at Rachelle.custer@tooeleco.org and she will forward it to the county consultants working on this project.

3rd Quarter Sales Tax

Sub Committee Scoring Results – Tom Tripp
(Refer to Attachment B)

Mayor Winn motioned to approve the subcommittee scoring sheet results projects 2 through 6 on the scoring sheet, leaving out 1. Mayor Olson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed

2	3	4	5	6	Total
Tooele City	Grantsville	Vernon	Rush Valley	TCSD & Tooele City	
Vine St. Sidewalks	Splash Pad Access	Harker Rd	Various Rd projects	Berra Blvd & 2400 North	
\$96,250	\$92,849	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$1,805,854	\$4,852,666

COG Committee Reports / Updates

Colonel Eric Dennis (Army Depot)

- The Depot has Mutual Support Agreements (MOAs) with fire departments and police departments, and he wants to invite these agencies to come out and do a tour so they can be familiar with the area

Christopher Damour (Dugway Proving Ground)

- Dugway is working with Vernon on potential partnership on a transportation grant
- Thursday 22 of September- Dugway Fest
- Wednesday 28th of September – Tour of Dugway going on

Mark Ernst (School District)

- New Elementary in Grantsville will open the day after Labor Day

Jessie Wilson

- Lu'au at the splashpad with fire dancers
- Day of service on 9/10 and you can go to Justserve.org to see service events

Mayor Olson

- Oct 20th - mandatory how to apply workshop for funds for CDBG grants (Contact WFRC – Chrsity Dalberg)
- LSI is helping them write a grant

Mayor Johnson

- Grateful for the transportation grant

Tom Tripp

- Will share list of grants to give to Cylee to share with COG members
- Will fix the broken 3rd quarter application for next year

Debbie Winn

- Moving the Wasatch Front Economic Development District meeting to 14 or 15
- Working with EDCU Utah to find out how to improve and do better
- Helping the county with the surveys and input

Adjournment: Dave McCall motioned to close the meeting with all in favor. The meeting closed at 7:09 p.m.

Attachment A

Tooele County Human Services Needs Assessment Report

Report prepared by:

Lily Ward MSW, BSW; Cris Meier PhD, MSW, MPH; Jayme Walters PhD, MSW; and Victoria Thompson MSW, BSW

Spring 2022

EXTENSION 
Utah State University.



College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Transforming Communities Institute
Utah State University.

To understand the needs and priorities of Tooele County residents, a partnership was formed between Utah State University, Tooele County's Department of Human Services, and Optum Behavioral Health Services.

Through this effort, a survey was disseminated to county residents and interviews/focus group were held with both residents and stakeholders. The survey comprised of 31-questions that asked about the needs and gaps in community services. The interviews/focus group asked participants to describe the needs of the community (based on those identified in the survey) and possible solutions to meeting those needs. This report highlights key findings from this mixed methods needs assessment and may be used by Tooele County stakeholders to create a community action plan to maximize collaborative efforts and address identified community needs.

Survey results

High need areas to focus on:

Respondents ranked the topical areas in which the **most effort** should be made by local organizations and agencies. The top three topical areas were:

- 1  Prevention and treatment of mental health and suicide prevention
- 2  Creating new community resources (e.g. recreation, food pantry, crisis nursery, youth services)
- 3  Access to affordable healthy food

There were distinct differences in high need and attention areas depending on respondent income levels. These differences were observed when structuring income into two categories: low-income (\$49,999 or less) and high-income (more than \$50,000). The top three priority effort areas by income were:

Low income priority areas:

Low-income respondents ranked the following services as the top three areas where **effort** should focus first:

- 1  Affordable housing
- 2  Ensuring individuals have access to affordable healthy food
- 3  Prevention and treatment of mental health and suicide prevention

High income priority areas:

High-income respondents ranked the following services as the top three areas where **effort** should focus first:

- 1  Prevention and treatment of mental health and suicide prevention
- 2  Prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol misuse
- 3  Creating new community resources (e.g. recreation, food pantry, crisis nursery, youth services)

Respondents were asked to report what services are most important to them, and their perceived availability or ease of access to these services in Tooele County.

Most important services to residents:

The top three areas of **importance** included:

- 1  Mental health treatment
- 2  Affordable housing
- 3  Healthy food options

Lowest satisfaction of availability of services:

Residents were **least satisfied** with the availability of:

- 1  Affordable housing options
- 2  Mental health treatment
- 3  Substance use treatment and recovery services

Perceptions of criminal justice services:

Respondents were asked if they felt like there was a need for additional criminal justice services. Results show that a majority (72.6%) of survey takers felt that there was a need for more of these services. The list below shows the different types of criminal justice services residents described as being needed.

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|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| ① | Substance misuse and treatment | ⑦ | Stricter penalties |
| ② | Prevention efforts | ⑧ | Youth programs |
| ③ | Strengthen law enforcement | ⑨ | Resource information |
| ④ | Legal aid | ⑩ | System change |
| ⑤ | Mental health resources | ⑪ | Miscellaneous (e.g., treatment programs, support groups, community interventions) |
| ⑥ | Rehabilitation services | | |

Respondent identified ways to improve community health:

Respondents were asked about areas to enhance community health and wellbeing. The ideas below were those reported most.

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| ① |  | Access to a free community recreation center |
| ② |  | More walking, biking, and hiking trails within the community |
| ③ |  | Community parks |
| ④ |  | Healthy affordable food options |
| ⑤ |  | Restaurants and specifically fast food restaurants that have healthier alternatives |

Substance misuse treatment and recovery services:

Respondents agreed that substance misuse treatment and recovery services were **neither affordable nor accessible** within the county. Below is a list of substance misuse treatment and recovery services needed, as indicated by responses.

1

Drug and Alcohol Misuse Services



Crisis Services



Mental health providers
for substance misuse



Inpatient &
Outpatient care



Accessible and affordable
substance misuse services

2

Additional Activities



Support groups



Youth programs



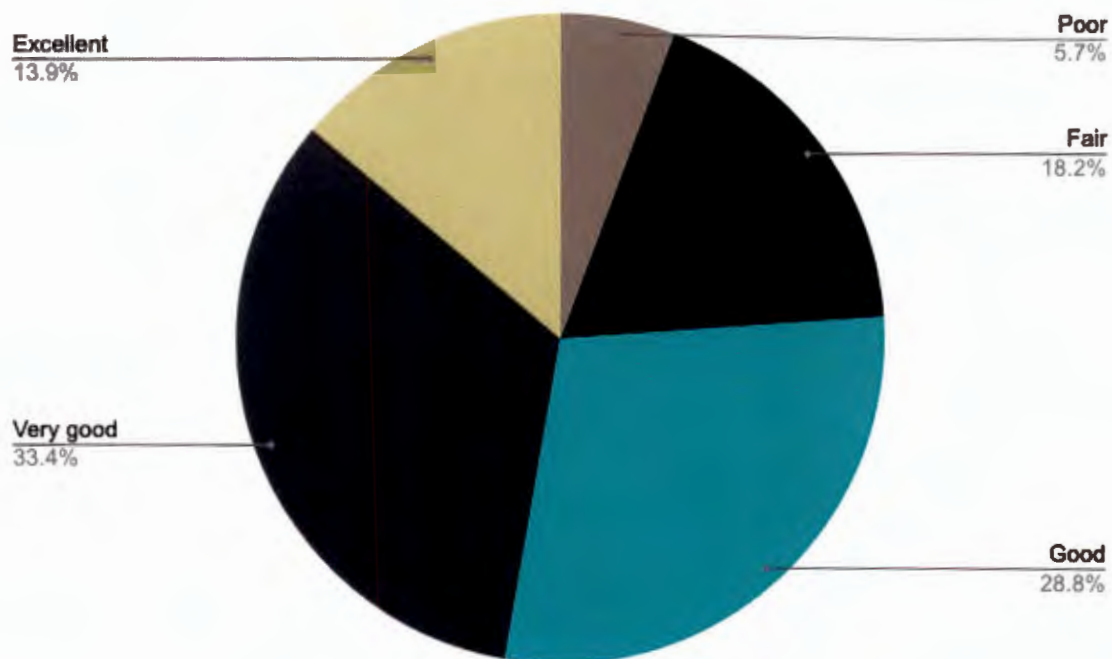
Financial aid



Prevention programs

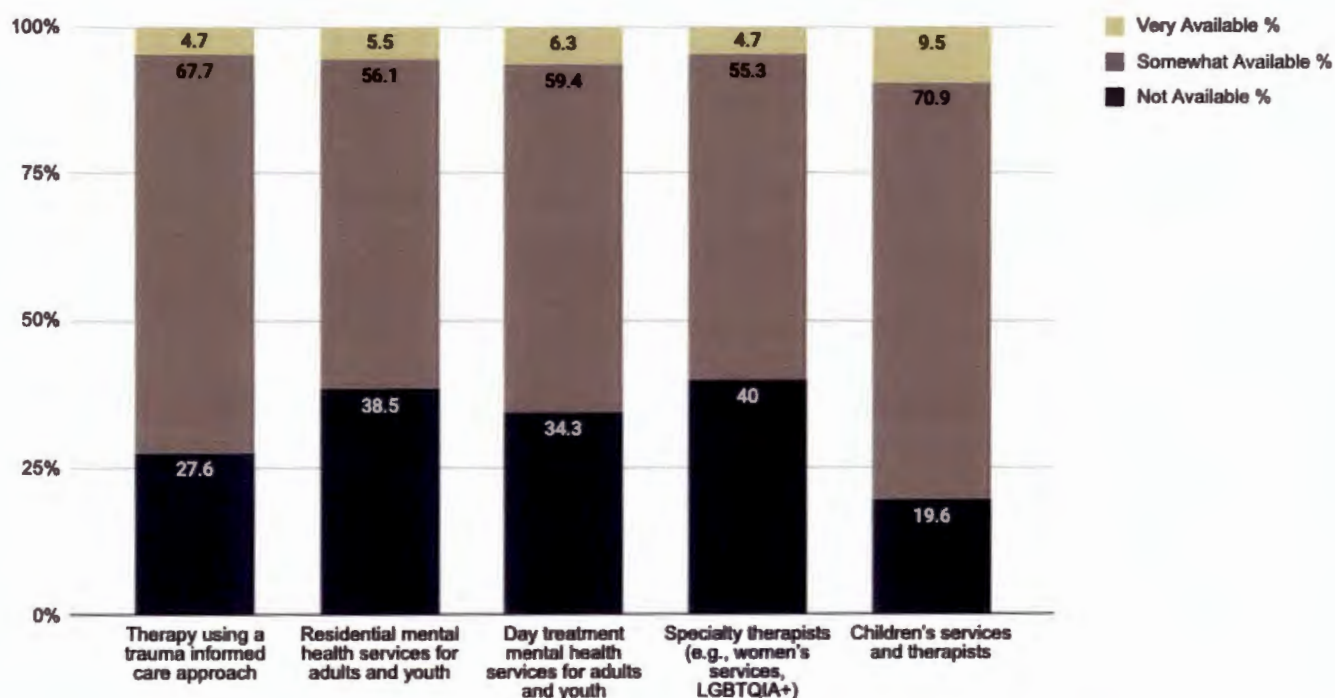
Mental health and behavioral services:

Overall, residents of Tooele County indicated that they had **fairly good self-rated mental health**. The chart below shows the breakdown of responses.

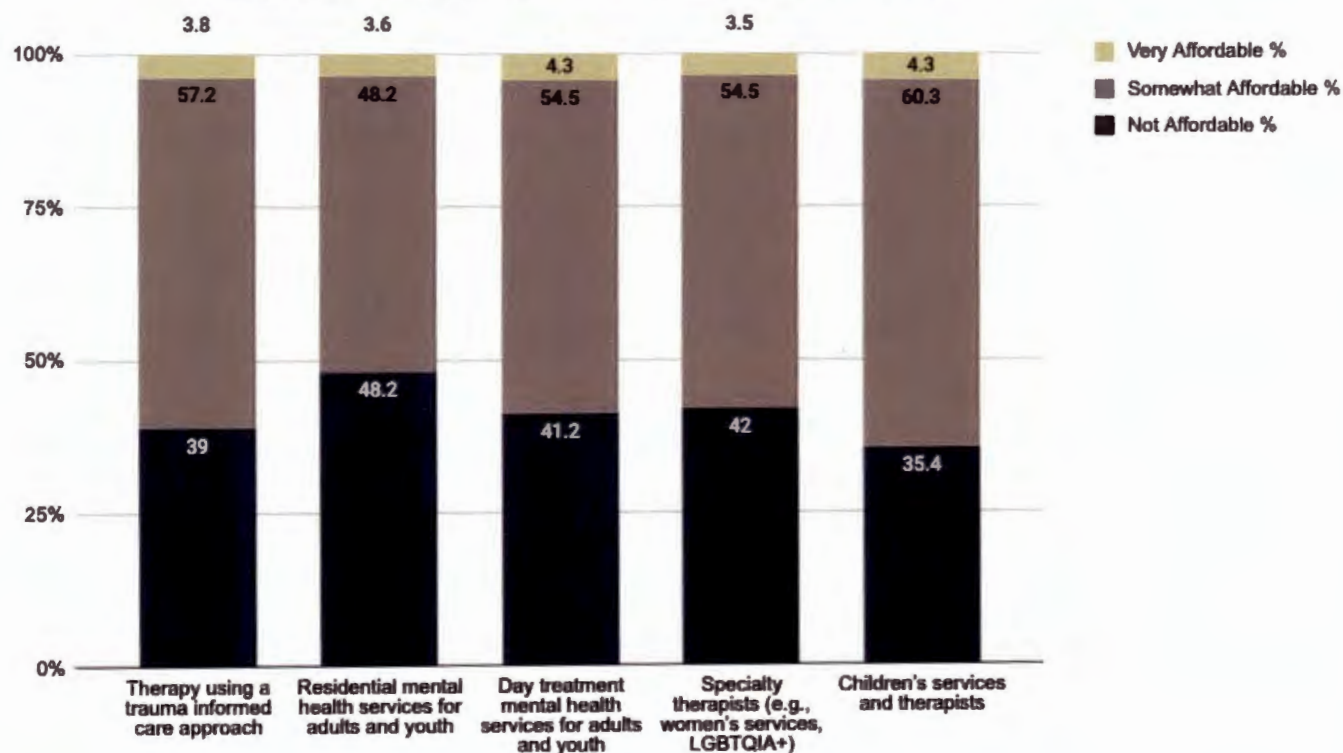


Though residents reported that their mental health was most often very good or good, respondents indicated that in general, the availability and affordability of various mental and behavioral services were only **somewhat available and affordable**. Below is the breakdown of the perceived availability of services.

Availability of mental and behavioral health services:



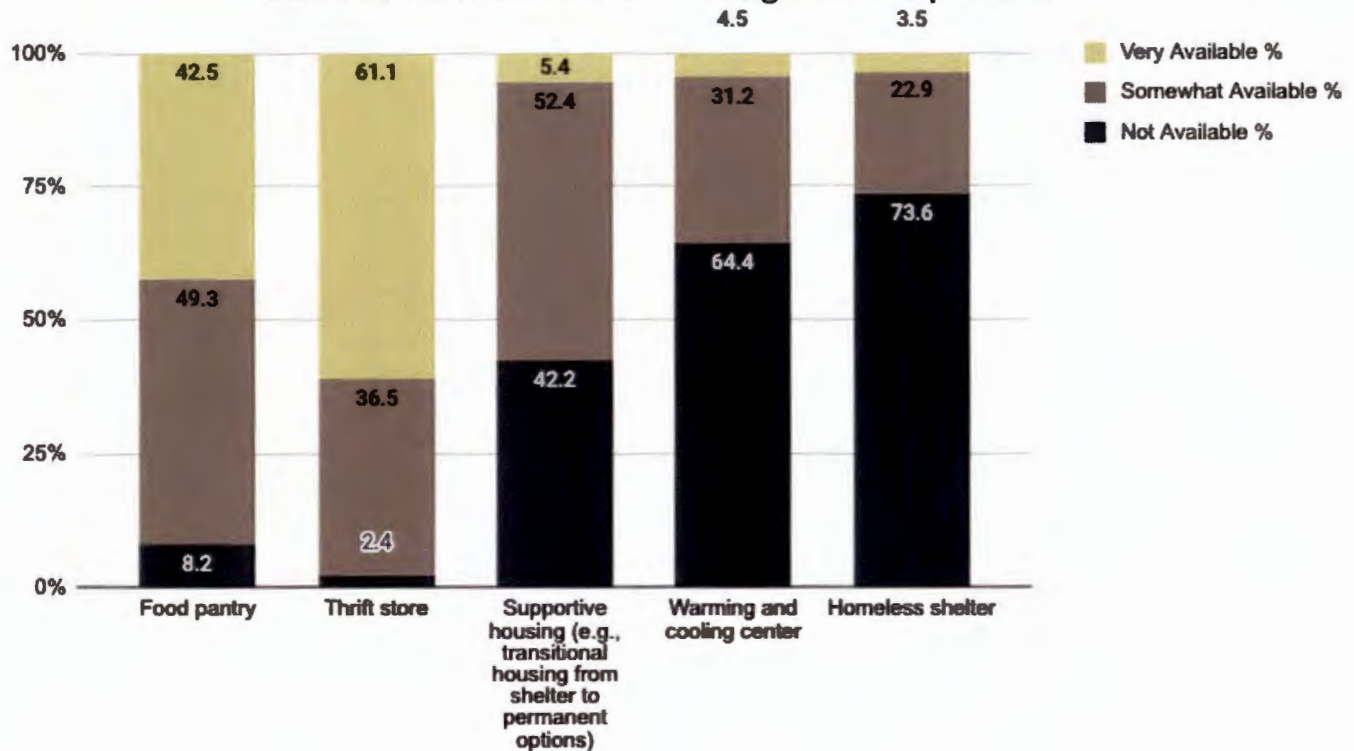
Affordability of mental and behavioral health services:



Housing and financial security:

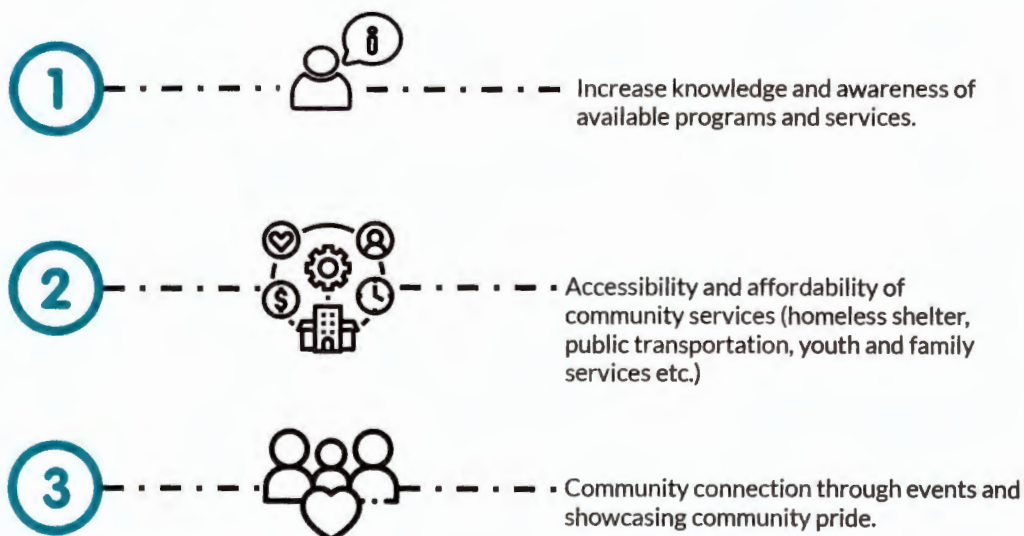
Although the majority (77.1%) of respondents owned their own home, affordable housing was identified as a large need within the county. Below shows the perceived availability of other housing, financial, and basic need related services.

Services for homeless or housing insecure persons:



Additional services:

Respondents also identified various miscellaneous services that would contribute to community health and wellbeing. The services were grouped into three categories according to theme and are outlined below.

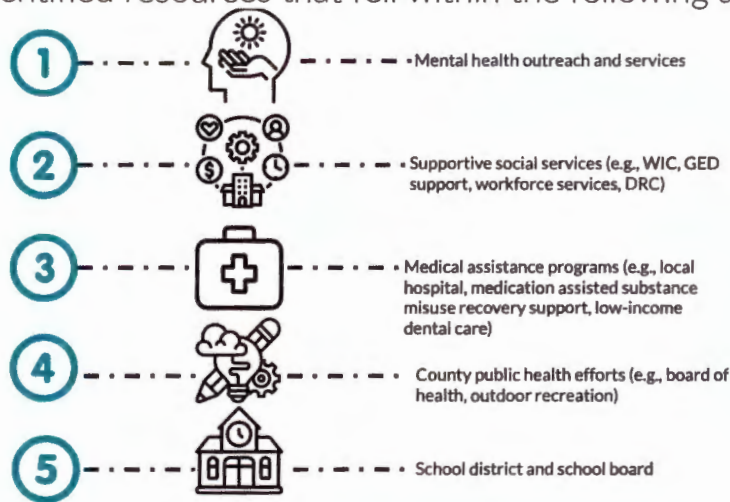


Interview/focus group results

The interviews and focus group had a small number of participants ($n = 14$), thus results below do not suggest agreement of ideas across participants .

Best resources in Tooele County:

Respondents were asked to report what they considered the **best resources** offered in Tooele County. Participants identified resources that fell within the following areas:



Resources needed in Tooele County:

Respondents described the services that they thought were **needed** in Tooele County.

- Support community connection
- Transportation
- Non-biased mental health services
- Homeless shelter
- Federally qualified health center
- Affordable and supportive housing opportunities
- More transportation options
- Aging and elderly supportive care
- Youth activities
- Domestic violence shelter availability
- Safe and affordable recreation facilities and opportunities
- Coordination of care services
- Receiving resource center
- Funding for health services that place an emphasis on diversity competence

Mental health and behavioral health:

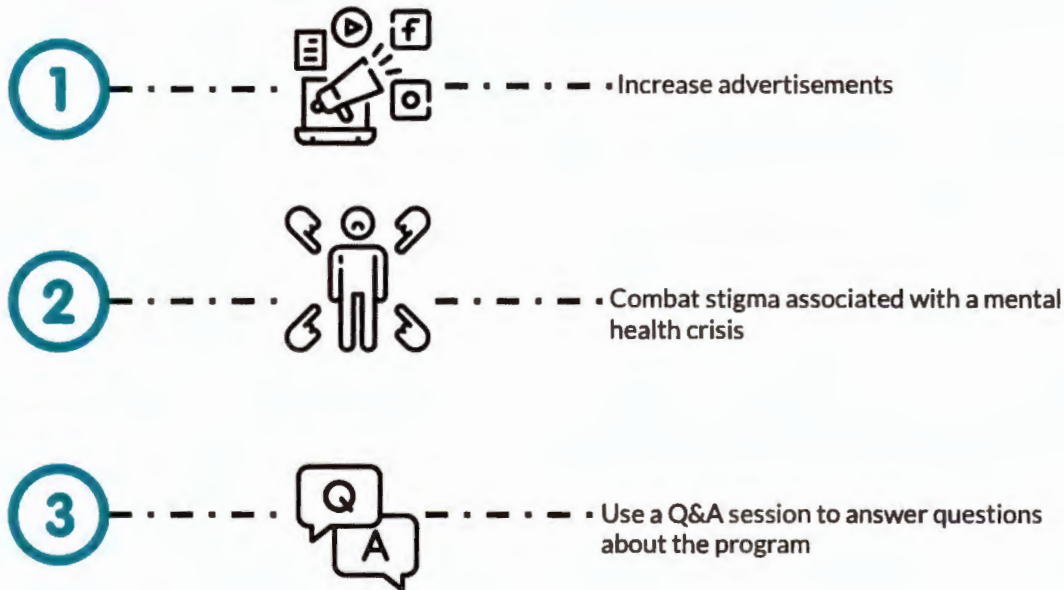
Respondents were asked to describe strengths and need/barriers regarding the mental health and behavioral health services offered in Tooele County. Responses included:

Strengths	Need/barriers
• Communication and collaboration between organizations • Compassionate/knowledgeable providers • Resource broker efforts • Range of adult services • Accessibility and expansion of services • Warrior Spirit and Valley Behavioral Health	• Comprehensive mental health services (e.g., age, psychiatrist, diverse backgrounds) • Increase accessibility and availability • Over connection with law enforcement • Increase amount of providers • Provide a federally qualified health clinic

Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT):

Respondents were asked if they had heard about MCOT. Of those who had heard something or had used their services, several participants mentioned that they had **negative experiences**.

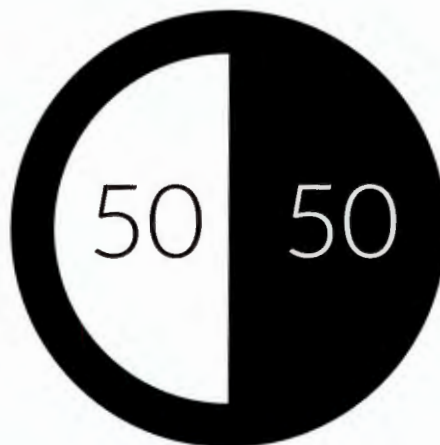
It was then suggested that MCOT could **increase awareness and community understanding** to enhance one's experiences accessing MCOT services. Suggestions for increasing community knowledge are provided below.



Crisis Nursery:

Respondents described their awareness of what a crisis nursery is and if they believed this service would be beneficial to offer to Tooele County residents.

Half of respondents were familiar with the program, whereas the other half had never heard of it. All respondents believed that crisis nursery services was **needed** in the county.



Substance misuse treatment and recovery:

Respondents were asked to describe strengths and need/barriers regarding the substance misuse treatment and recovery services offered in the county. Responses included:

Strengths	Need/barriers
• Family support groups at Clinical Consultants • USARA • Peer-support services • One-on-one therapy options • New Life church • Intensive outpatient care facilities	• Increase community awareness and sympathy about substance misuse • Increase availability of support services that are nondiscriminatory • Increase accessibility through providing transportation, and increasing affordability and availability • Increase comprehensive services (e.g., extended care opportunities, inpatient treatment, psychiatrist) • Increasing provider collaboration

Criminal justice:

Respondents were also asked to describe strengths and need/barriers about the criminal justice system in Tooele County. Responses fell within the following areas.

Strengths	Need/barriers
• Communication between criminal justice and local services (i.e., schools) • Local police department • School resource officers • Juvenile justice system • Youth and Justice court	• Increase community understanding of interconnection between substance misuse, mental health, and criminal activity • Addressing unhelpful policies and the social determinants of health • Increase awareness of criminal justice supports for those with criminal justice charges • Providing more comprehensive rehabilitation services

Share in formation about resources:

Respondents were also asked to describe ways to improve community awareness about the available resources in Tooele County. In summarizing all responses, three key themes were noted:

1. Increase the use and distribution of flyers and resource lists in a variety of community spaces
2. Hold community meetings to inform residents of available services
3. Capitalize on existing networks to help spread the word about resources

Housing:

Respondents were asked to describe housing in the county. Though the questions about housing didn't ask about deficiencies in the system, all responses mentioned a **need** for additional supportive and affordable housing options. Below is the summary of results.



Implications and summary

The results highlight key areas that respondents would like effort to be spent. The results also point towards recommendations and possible solutions to meeting identified needs. In summary, below are seven recommendations that capture the needs and recommendations of respondents in both the survey and the interviews/focus group.

Moving forward, organizations and officials in Tooele County can utilize these data to inform strategic planning and program investments to address community needs and preferences.

- 1** Increase accessibility and affordability of comprehensive mental and behavioral health services offered to Tooele County residents
- 2** Increase affordability and accessibility of substance misuse and recovery services that foster a holistic and harm-reduction approach to care
- 3** Increase availability and accessibility of affordable housing options
- 4** Increase resident access to affordable and healthy food through nutrition classes, restaurants, and grocery stores that provide healthier alternatives
- 5** Provide more wrap around criminal justice services that foster a community that understands the interconnection of mental health, substance misuse, and criminal activity
- 6** Increase accessibility and affordability of recreational activities
- 7** Improve resource brokerage efforts and awareness

Attachment B

Master Project Comparison Scoring Sheet

- COG Sub-Committee for the optional 3rd 1/4% Sales Tax Program

Project #	WT. Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Sponsoring Entity		Tooele City	Tooele City	Grantsville	Vernon	Rush Valley	TCSD & Tooele City	
		Droubay Rd	Vine St. Sidewalks	Splash Pad Access	Harker Rd	Various Rd projects	Berra Blvd & 2400 North	
Project Cost Request		\$2,157,713	\$96,250	\$92,849	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$1,805,854	\$4,852,666
Total Project Est. Cost		\$2,157,713	\$96,250	\$111,419	\$537,372	\$250,000	\$1,805,854	\$4,958,608
Cost per user	15	14	18	15	8	8	15	Budget = \$3,500,000
Delay reduction	20	18	16	17	15	8	19	
Transit Ridership	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	Entities w/o Projects:
Expected growth	15	12	10	13	10	10	14	Wendover
Connectivity/completion	15	14	15	15	12	10	12	Erda
Matching Contribution	10	0	0	8	7	8	0	Stockton
Complies with State and Federal regs	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	Tooele County
Tax revenue is adequate to maintain the project	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Total	100	81	82	91	75	67	83	