



LATINO HEALTH COLLECTIVE

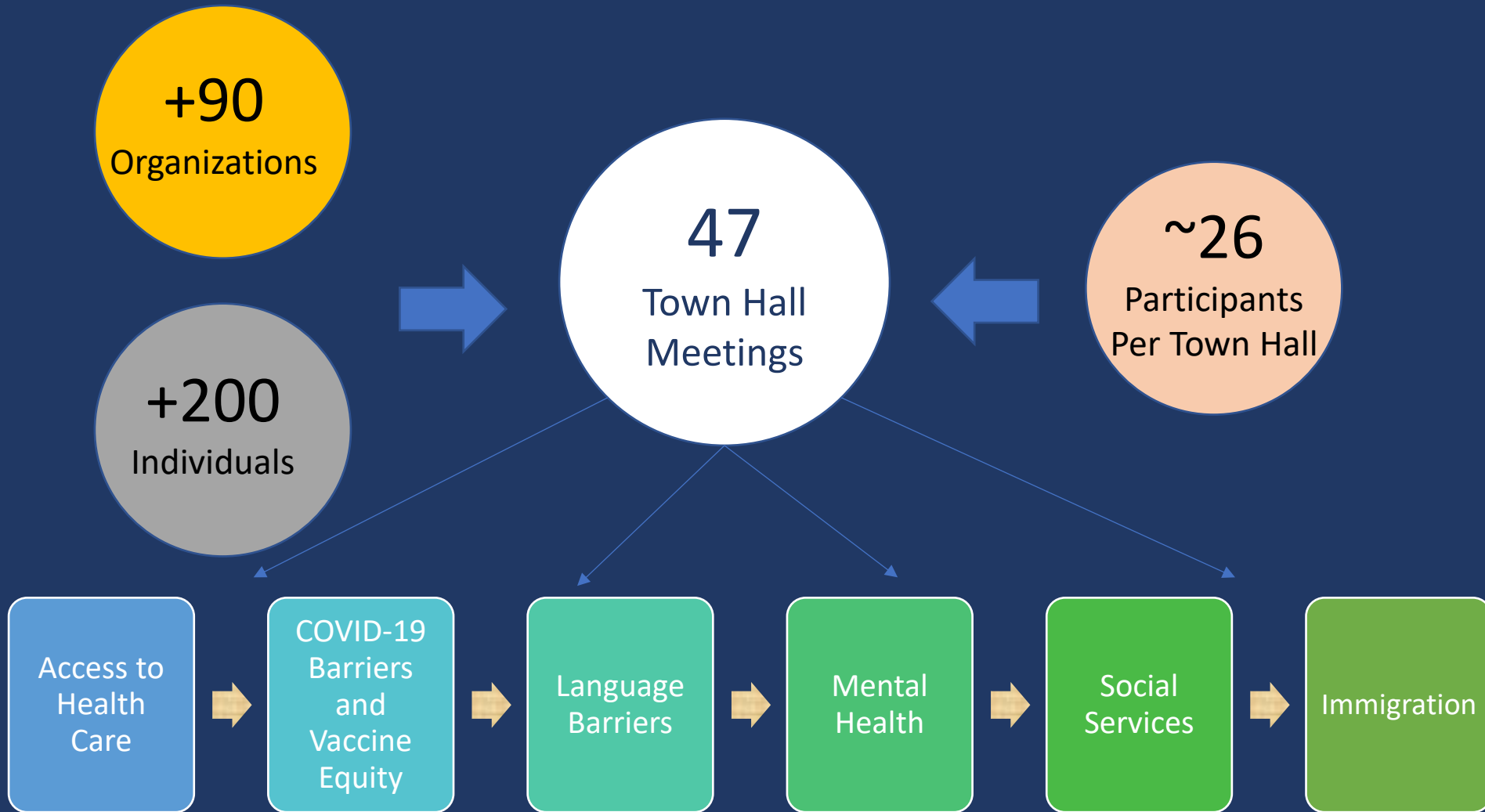
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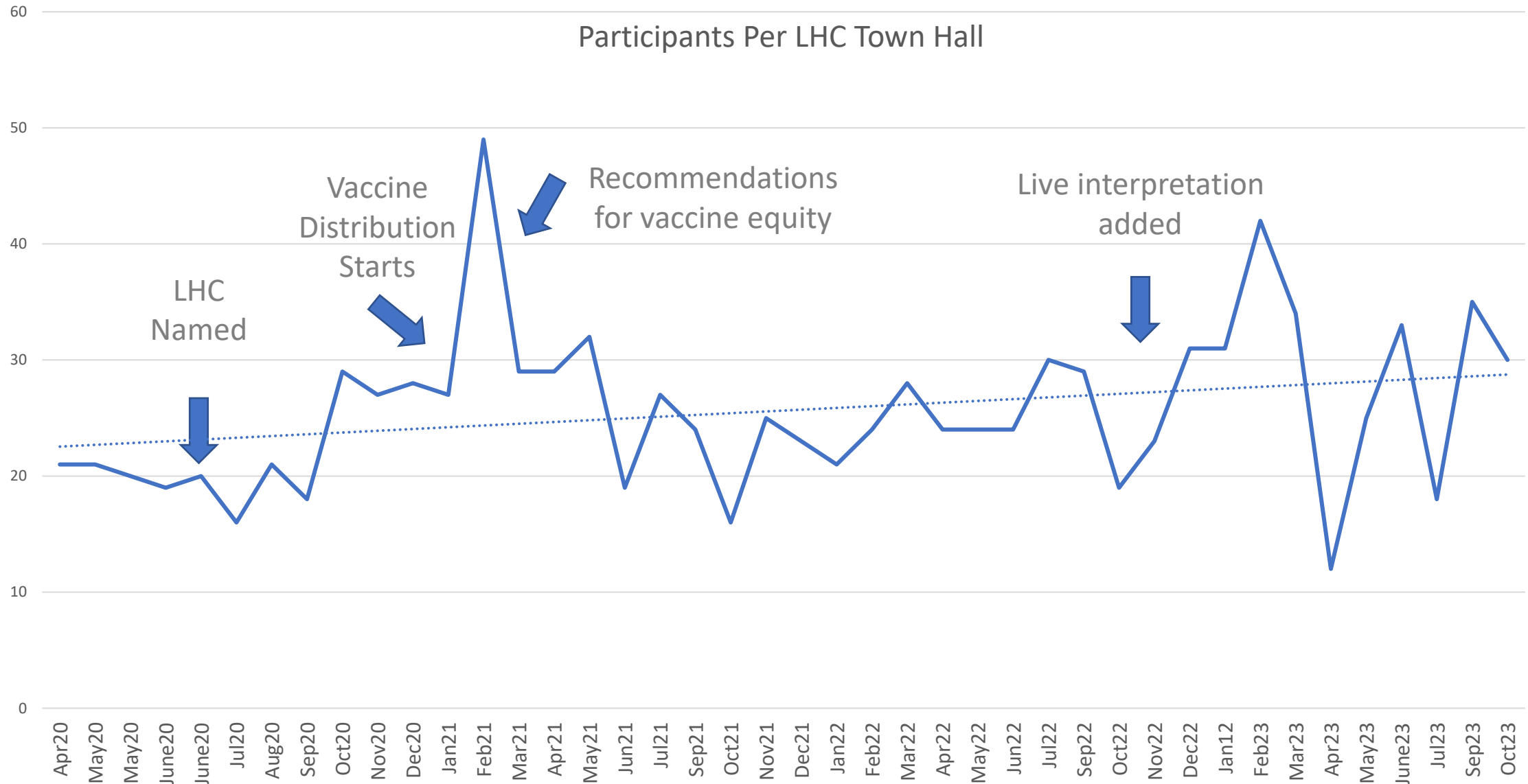
The Latino Health Collective

- A coalition of Latino-serving agencies, city officials, Consulate staff, and others, convened by academic partner established in April 2020
- A response to COVID-19 emergency
- Built on previous community-engaged research efforts
- Focused on:
 - Identifying pressing **needs** during pandemic
 - Sharing **information and other resources**
 - Facilitating **dialogue and collaboration**
 - **Advising and advocating** for resource allocation, service design

Focus and Extent of Latino Health Collective



Town Hall Participation Over Time (Apr'20 – Oct'23)



About the First Annual LHC Retreat

- **When was it:** October 13th, 2023
- **Goal:** To collectively develop a vision, mission, and objectives for the LHC, while maintaining plenty of opportunities for networking/interacting
- **Location:** Drexel University campus (University City)
- **Report in Progress:** We are working on summarizing the input we got through several activities conducted by **51 participants who came from 25 different organizations.**





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Retreat Objectives:

1. To **continue building community and trust**, and strengthening relationships within the Collective
2. To **codify our mission and values**, and **align our structures and practices**
3. To **identify opportunities and challenges for the Collective** that can help us improve our work in the coming year
4. To gather information to **inform the development of possible future convenings & retreats**



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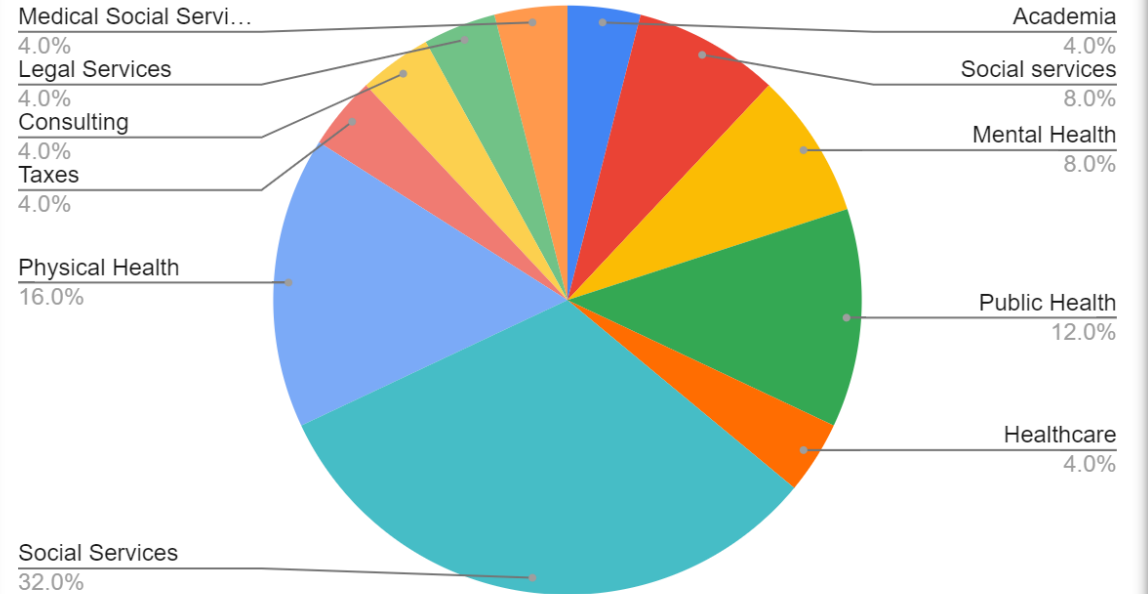
LHC Values:

- Social justice
- Equity
- Respect
- Inclusivity, inclusion—everyone is welcome and included
- Collectivism—together, united we are stronger
- Advocacy
- Relationship-building
- Empowerment, power-building
- Collaboration
- *Action oriented**
- *Responsiveness to meet needs as they arise; embrace of emergence**
- *Locality, location are underscored while embrace of the local community in which Latino/a/xs live**

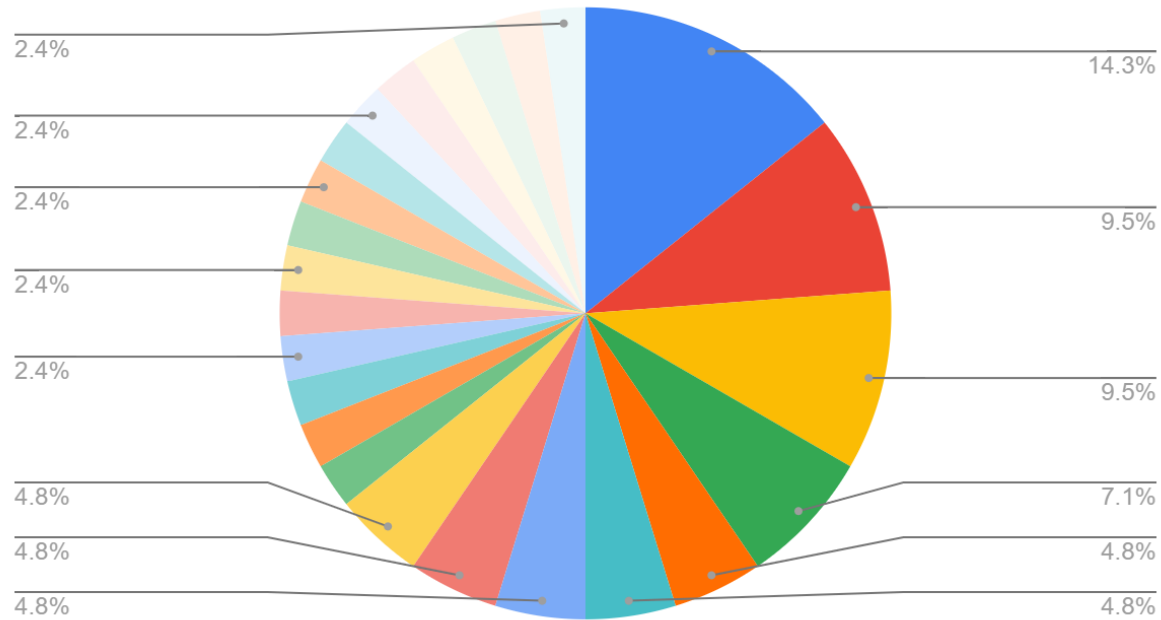
**Added at retreat*

- Total Number of Participants: 51
- Total Number of Organizations: 25
- Service Types: Social Services, Physical Health, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Medical Social Services, Legal Services, Consulting, and Taxes
- Areas: Center City, North, South, NorthEast, West, and Norristown.

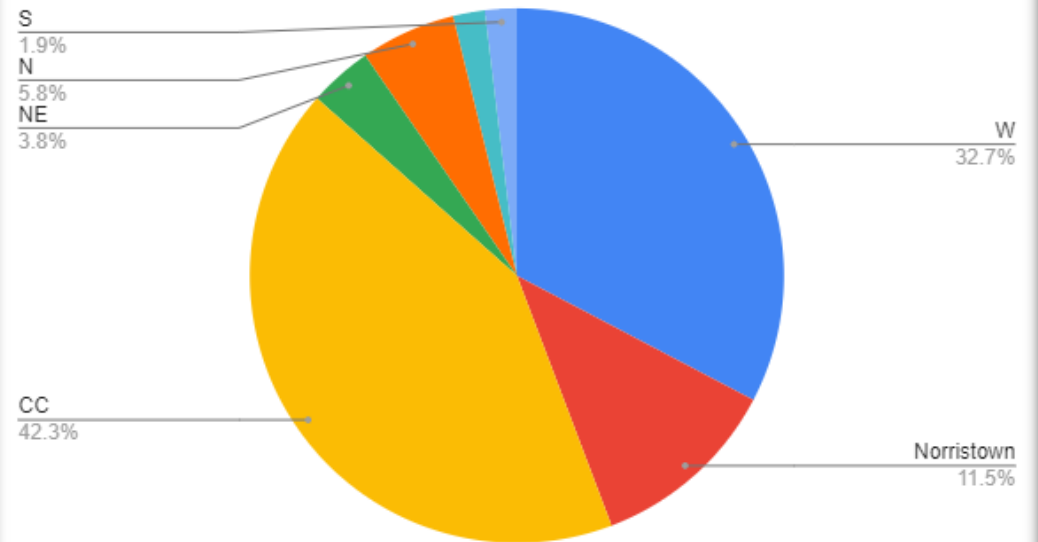
Count of Service Type / Tipo de Servicio



Participants from 24 Orgs. / Participantes de 24 Orgs.



Count of Area



Reflect on all of your work with LHC (Town Halls, Newsletters, conversation with staff)



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1. What has worked well?
2. What could be improved?
3. What are opportunities?

LHC retreat feedback

Working well

- Networking and building relationships.
- Collaboration
- Platform for the work of healthcare needs and information for Latino Community
- Interdisciplinary
- Responding to needs of the community
- Common mission

Possible changes

- More in-person meetings.
- More language access.
- Creation of small groups or committees, advisory council or a light participatory steering committee.
- Marketing or promoting to increase visibility.
- Improve website to be more user friendly and accessible, with database of resources, directory of members, calendar of events, etc.

Opportunities

- More networking.
- Advocacy or support for one another.
- Conduit with government-policy development.
- Share resources.
- Diversity of the Latino community-no homologous solutions.
- Reach Philly and surrounding communities.
- Remind Latino community of self value.

Next Steps or Initial Agreements:

- What does it mean to thrive for the Latino Health Collective? it means providing mental health resources and other resources, it means providing education, it means understanding what is needed by our neighbors and reach out, connect, and share. Other thoughts are always welcome.
- Another effort to engage LHC's TH participants; we invite you to participate as a LHC advisory council, which includes sharing info (but that advisory counsel does not include making decisions?) Open to rotating committees, or asking participants who come regularly if we can approach them with a couple questions every so often like a very light involvement, a light participatory steering committee or advisory council?
- To invite more attendees/members, the recommendation is to keep it simple.

Muchas
Gracias



Thank
you very
much