

Post-Custody Accommodation

Background

- At the federal level there is a plan in place for post-custody accommodation. The accommodation plan includes access to halfway houses or transitional housing (long or short term).
- At the provincial level, there is no such plan in place. At most, offenders will receive a list of shelters or hostels in which they can seek accommodation.
- This project focused on how organizations across the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (HKPR) region, have addressed the needs for post-incarceration accommodation.

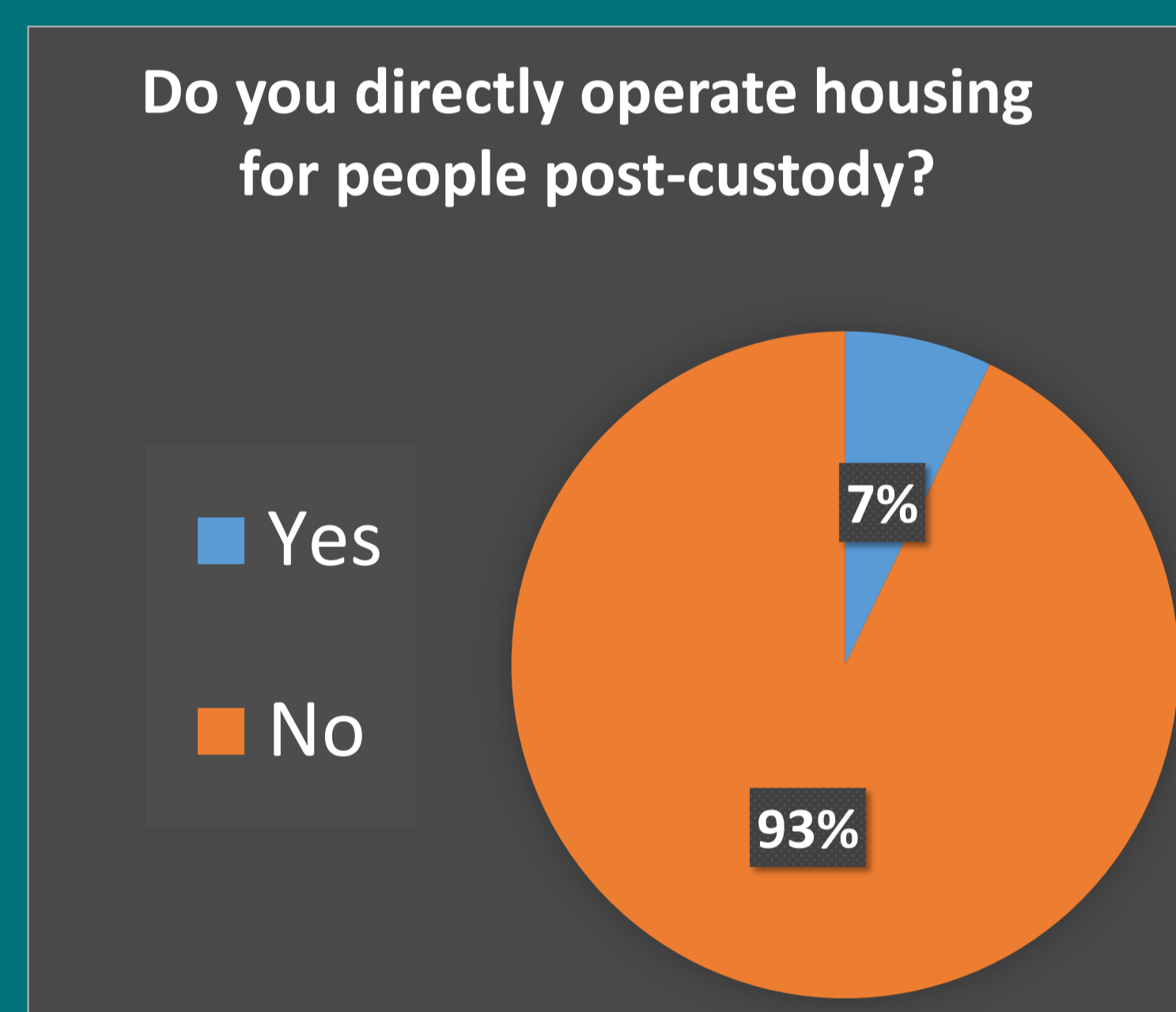
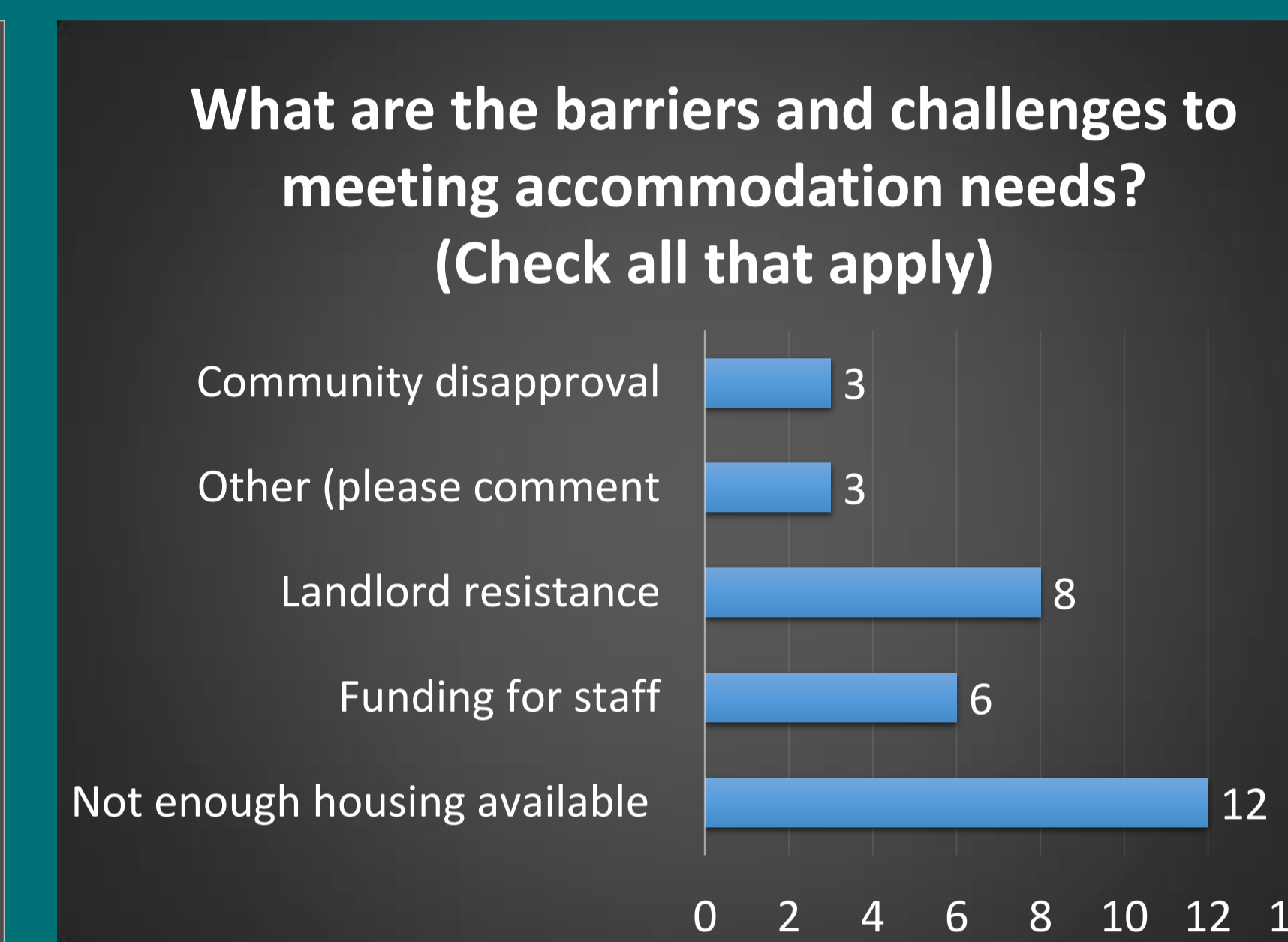
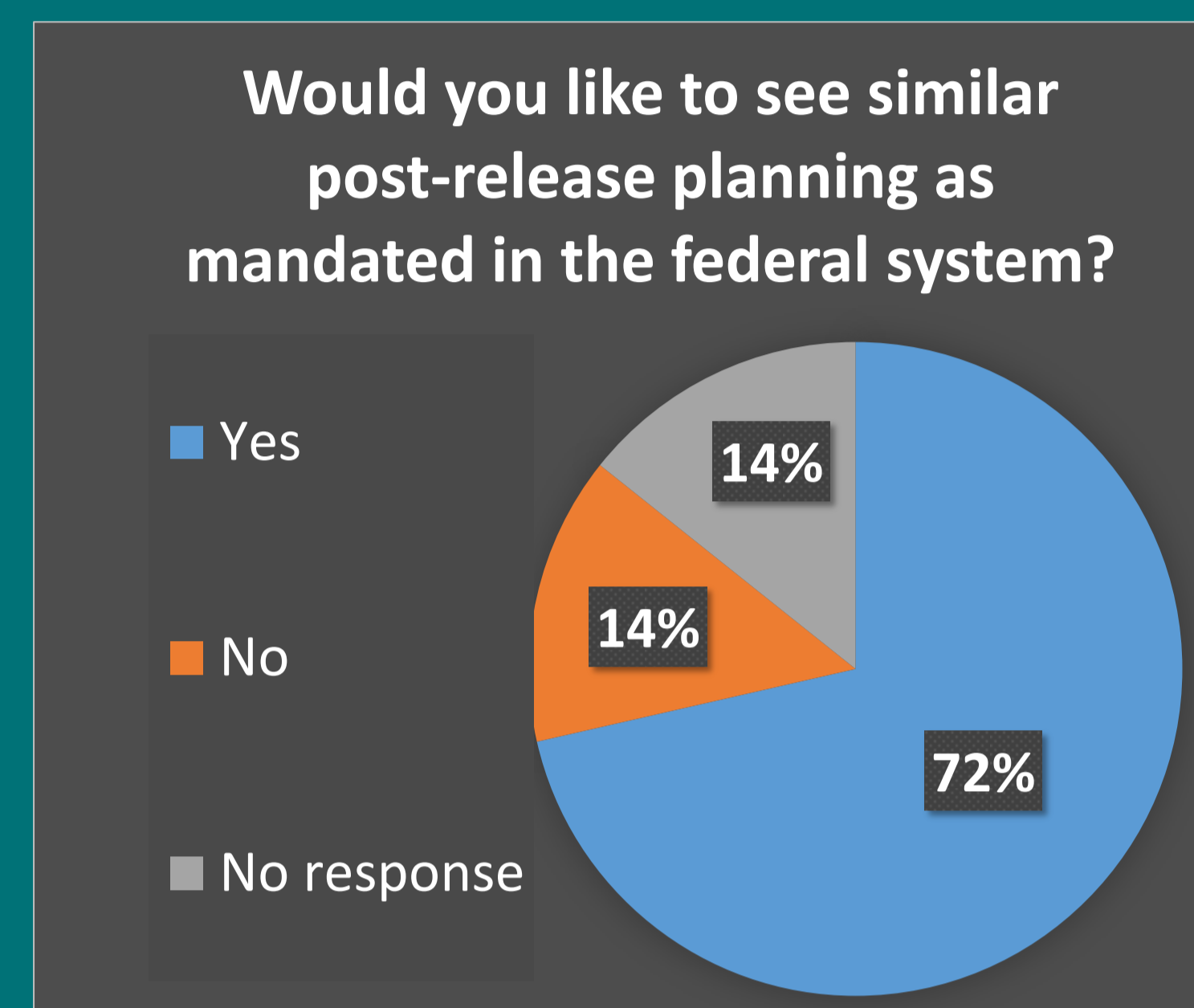
Research Questions

1. How have agencies across the region that work with ex-offenders and those recently released addressed the housing needs of this population?
2. What services would front-line agencies like to see to meet the needs of this population?
3. What challenges do agencies encounter in meeting the housing needs of this population?
4. What types of support do local agencies see as being necessary?
5. What post-incarceration accommodation programs exist elsewhere?
6. What is the existing best practice in post-incarceration accommodation?

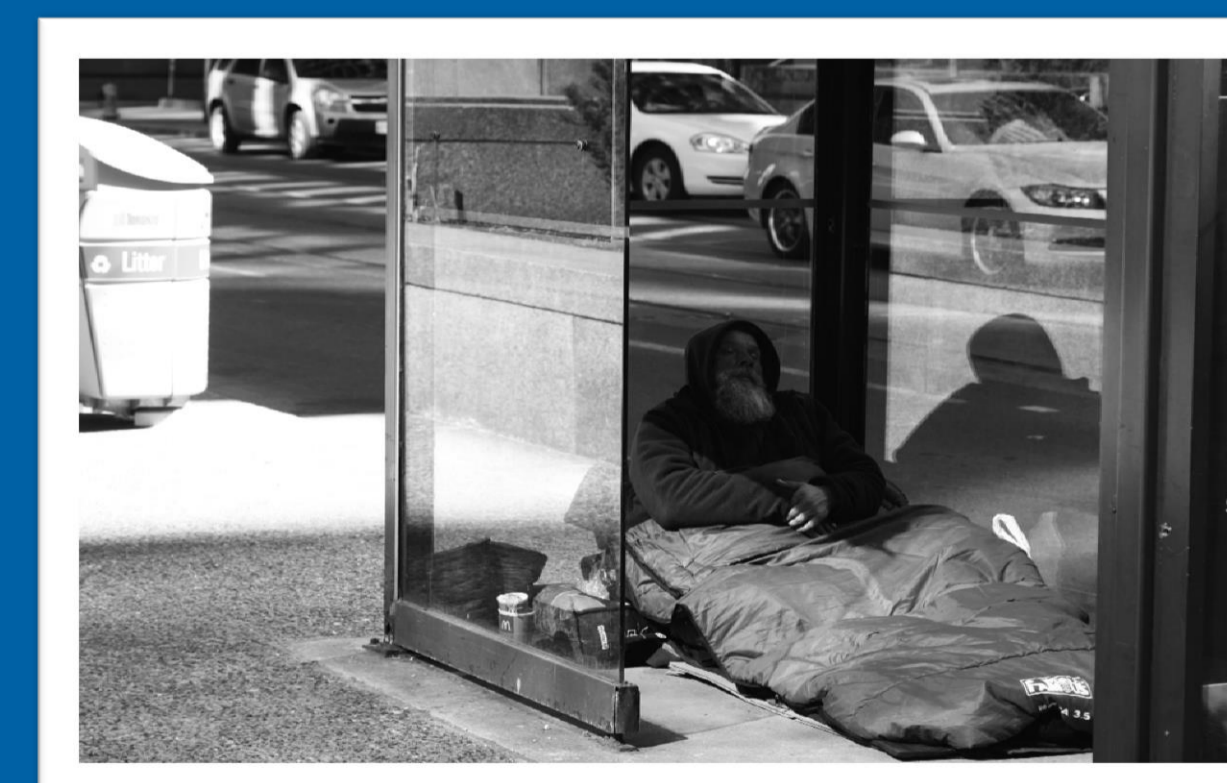
Methodology

- Grey literature review of best practice, post-incarceration accommodation programs and accommodation planning at the federal level
- Surveys distributed to organizations within the HKPR region; which included Lindsay, Haliburton, Peterborough and Northumberland County

Findings



Recommendations and Next Steps



- Starting a yearly survey to assess any improvements to accommodation and targeting different regions throughout the province (to find more organizations, that directly deal with post-custody accommodation)
- Testing other models (e.g., scattered site or supported accommodation service)
- Continuing the effort to change the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to allow the “right to adequate housing” for everyone

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