

What's the Problem?

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What services
and Resources
are available?



Back Door Mission
for the Relief of Poverty

Are they
applicable to
my client?

The Durham At-Risk Housing Network

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A little bit of History

- The Community Development Council Durham (CDCD).
- Financial, Familial and Health Troubles.
- 2014- Creation of the Durham At-Risk Housing Network (DARHN)
- What is DARHN?



POVERTY in
DURHAM



BETHESDA HOUSE



SPINAL CORD
INJURY
ONTARIO

LÉSIONS
MÉDULLAIRES
ONTARIO



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Durham



Brock
Community
Health Centre



“ A coalition of frontline employees who work in housing, health care, eviction prevention, tenant advocacy, violence against women shelters, and community partners!”



The Purpose

To establish the usefulness of the Ontario Trillium Grant and to demonstrate the importance of DARHN and encourage inter-organization cooperation to facilitate similar programs in other regions and support future funding.

Research Questions

1. What other models of housing professionals network exist, and have they been subject to research?
2. From the perspective of members, how successful has the network been?
3. In what ways has the network supported or improved the lives of member's clients?
4. What roles would members like the network to perform and how could it improve?



Methodology

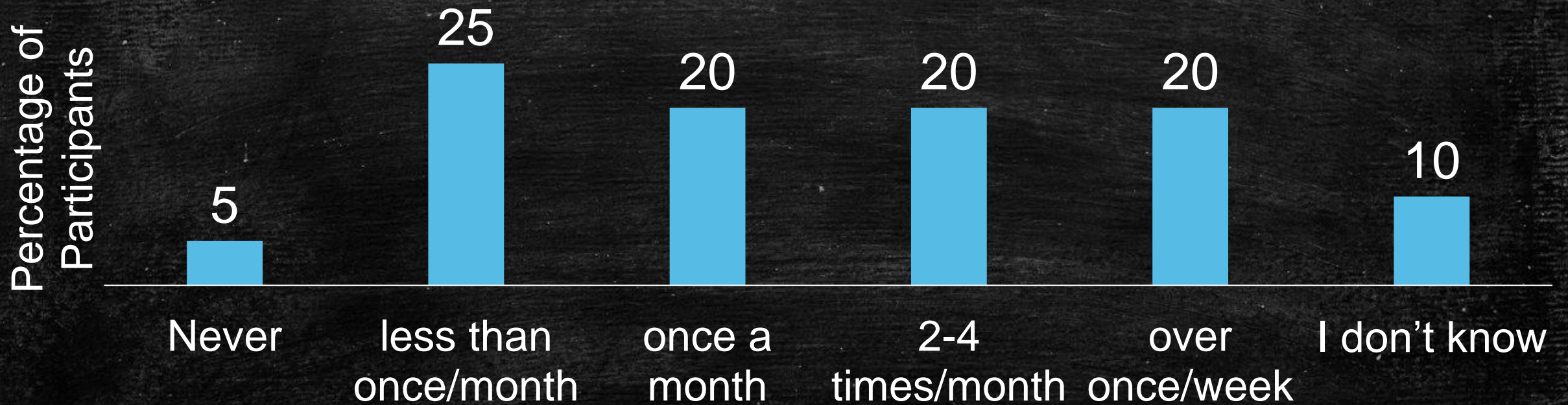


- Two-part Survey.
- 20 Participants (members of DARHN) for the first survey and 11 for the second.
- Open-ended and closed-ended questions.
- Regular Scheduled Meetings (December and February).

“I am a DARHN Member because it allows me to work together with different agencies to help members of the community who are in need!”

Results: Has DARHN been Successful?

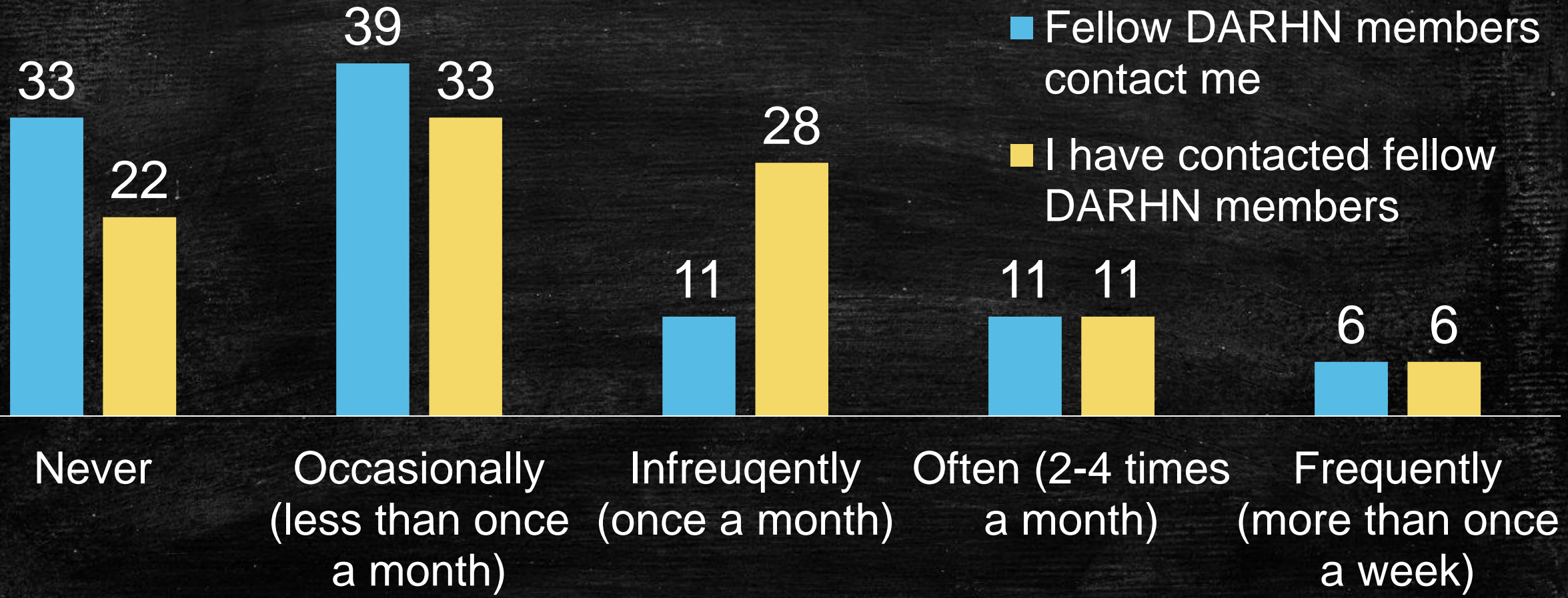
How Often Do DARHN Members Use The Information Provided to Them?



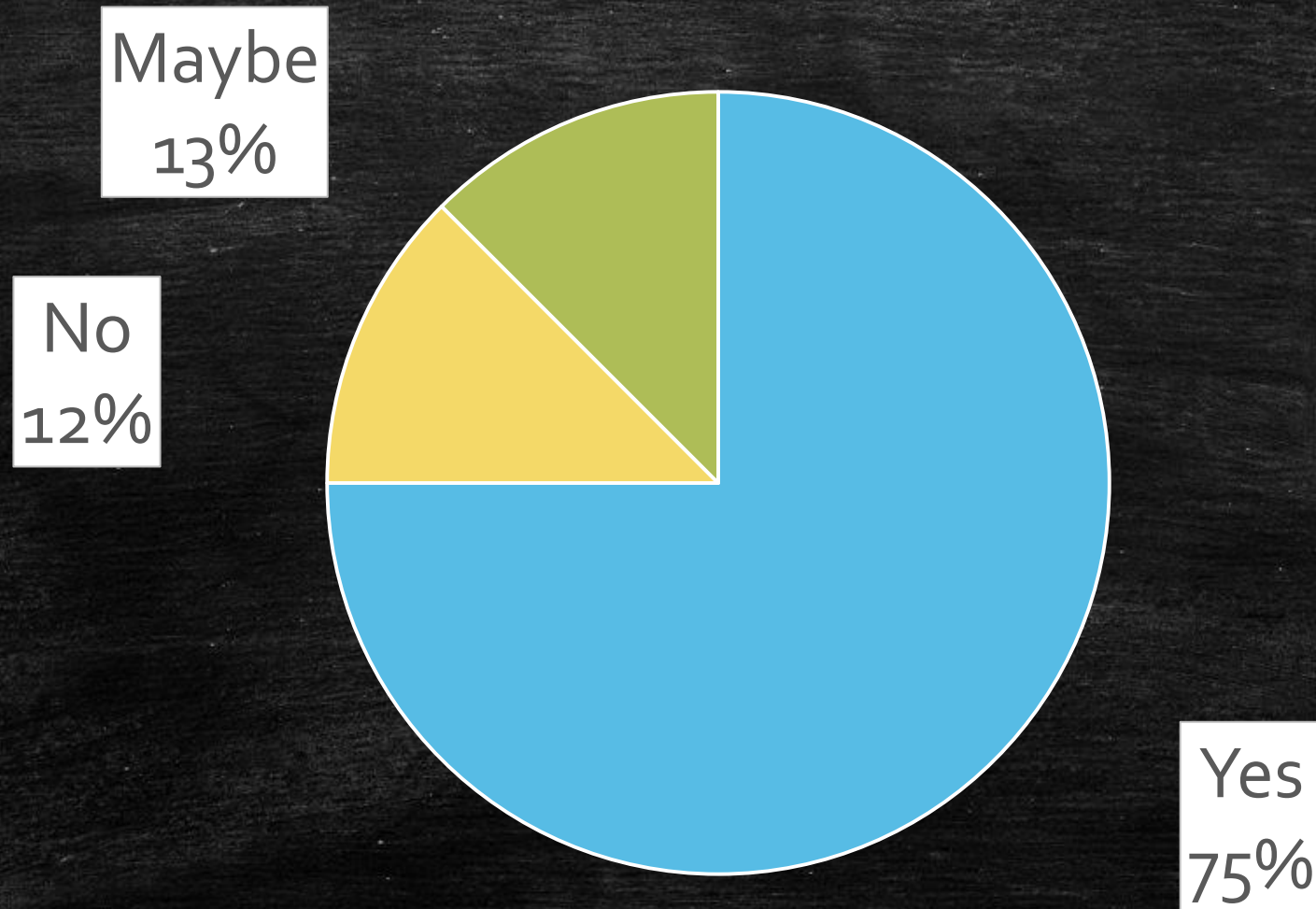
Results: Was DARHN Successful?

How Often Do DARHN Members Contact One Another Outside of Meetings?

Percentage of Participants



Results: Potential Improvements?



“I would use this forum if a situation occurred with a client and I was trying to find a solution or resources for them that was beyond my current knowledge”

Discussion

- Challenges

- Future Work

- Implications



“I am not a front line worker so I do not have any clients. However, I was able to witness the amount of networking that takes place at DARHN meetings. I think its a great thing for different organizations to come together”