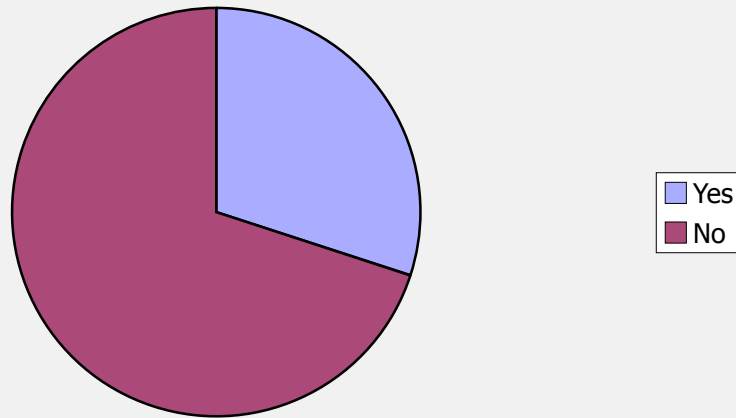


## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

Do you attend the monthly Senior Advocacy Coalition meeting on a regular basis?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	30.0%	9
No	70.0%	21
<i>answered question</i>		<b>30</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

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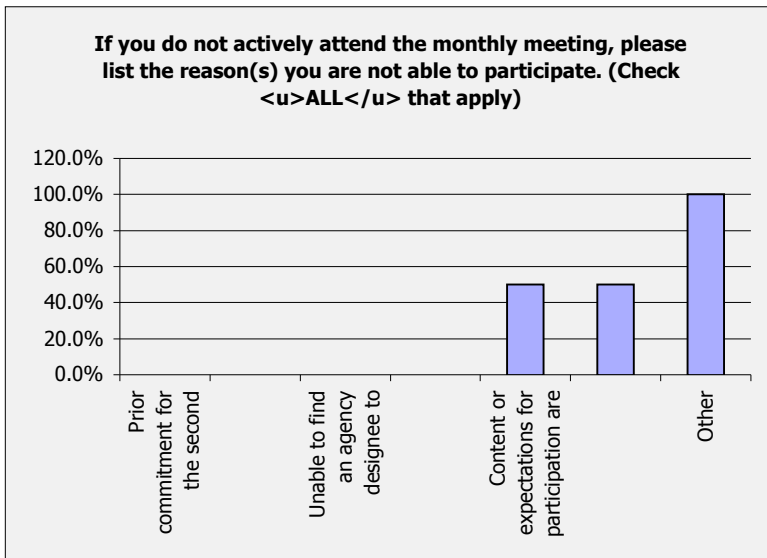


## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

If you do not actively attend the monthly meeting, please list the reason(s) you are not able to participate. (Check ALL that

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Prior commitment for the second Friday each month	0.0%	0
Prior commitment for the time 9:30-11:00AM	0.0%	0
Unable to find an agency designee to attend	0.0%	0
Did not receive notice/invitation soon enough	0.0%	0
Content or expectations for participation are not	50.0%	1
Meeting is not of value	50.0%	1
Other	100.0%	2
Other (please specify)		2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>29</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Oct 23, 2009 9:38 PM	There are people in the office requiring assistance so that we can't listen in on the telecon
2	Oct 24, 2009 12:47 AM	Not the best use of my time.

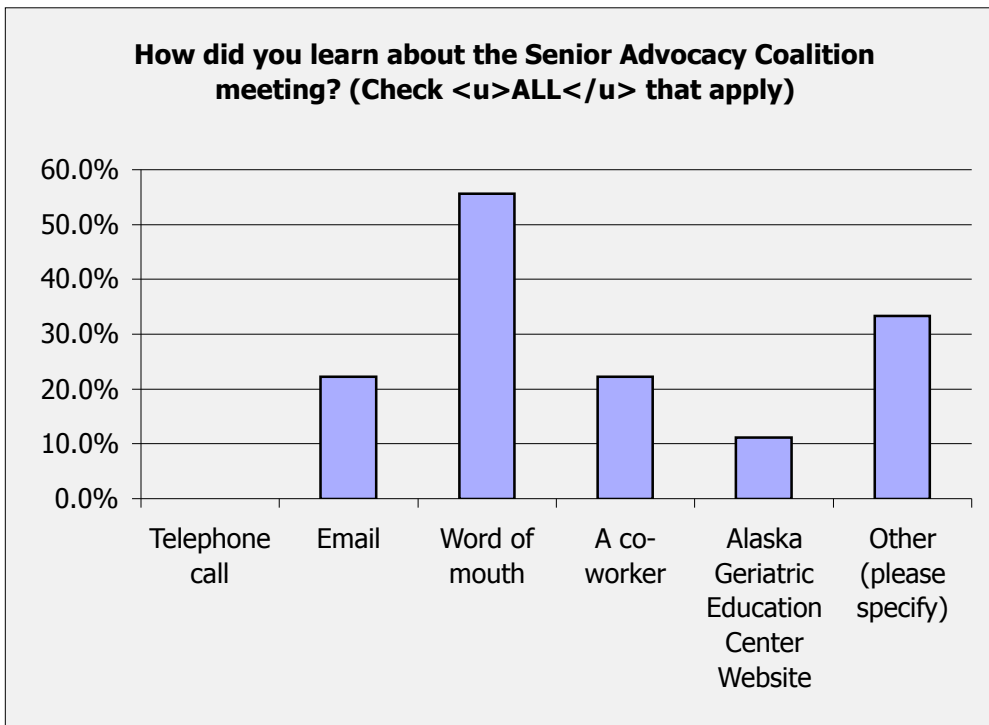


## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

How did you learn about the Senior Advocacy Coalition meeting? (Check ALL that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Telephone call	0.0%	0
Email	22.2%	2
Word of mouth	55.6%	5
A co-worker	22.2%	2
Alaska Geriatric Education Center Website	11.1%	1
Other (please specify)	33.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>22</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Oct 23, 2009 7:19 PM	our agency sponsored it when I started work here
2	Oct 23, 2009 9:38 PM	All of the above; I've been listening for a long time
3	Oct 23, 2009 9:43 PM	I'm old and can't recall

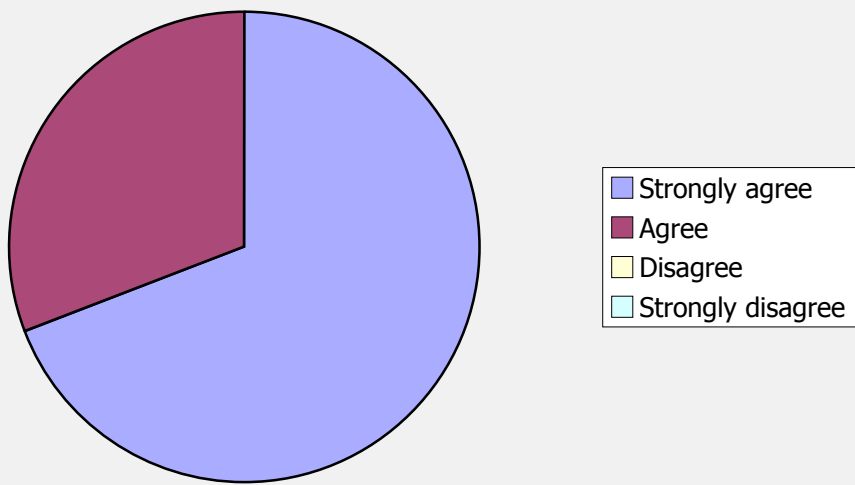


## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

**It is important for you to advocate for the needs of older adults?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly agree	69.2%	18
Agree	30.8%	8
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>26</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>5</b>

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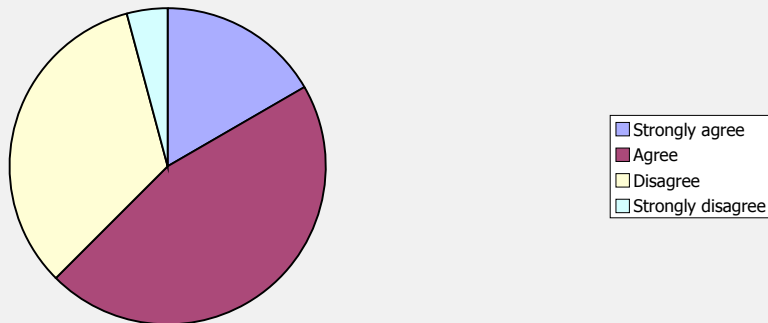
## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

The Senior Advocacy Coalition meeting is a good opportunity for you to advocate for the needs of older adults?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	16.7%	4
Agree	45.8%	11
Disagree	33.3%	8
Strongly disagree	4.2%	1
Please explain:		15
<b>answered question</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

Number	Response Date	Please explain:
1	Oct 23, 2009 3:09 AM	The meetings are for information sharing but we don't actually do any joint advocacy.
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:28 PM	I think we should find one action item each year and focus on it. Not much action happens at the meetings. That is why I dropped out from attending the meetings. .
3	Oct 23, 2009 7:32 PM	If attendance is good, then it is a good avenue to reach lots of people efficiently. However, there have been a crop of other venues for this as well, the OPAG interagency breakfast, city wide case manager's meeting, the Spotlight networking breakfast etc. Sometimes I have to pick which one I will attend in a given week depending upon work load.
4	Oct 23, 2009 7:34 PM	The meeting is an opportunity to obtain information. For some of us it duplicates information we get elsewhere.
5	Oct 23, 2009 7:41 PM	No, I don't see advocacy at the meeting itself to be the purpose of the group at all. That would be like preaching to the choir. To me the purpose is (I thought) to support advocates by providing them with information they can use in their work. Assuming the allocation of time is there and we have something new to address or mention. My own involvement with SAC must be balanced with other obligations, travel, etc..
6	Oct 23, 2009 8:33 PM	It helps us gain knowledge which is helpful in the future to help our elders or to advocate for them.
7	Oct 23, 2009 9:43 PM	the agenda provides little opportunity for advocacy--mostly consists of reports from agencies--make advocacy an agenda item each time/each meeting--now is mostly news/current events/reports
8	Oct 23, 2009 9:49 PM	It is mostly people in Anchorage who talk and rarely, if ever, take or propose to take any action on the issues discussed.
9	Oct 24, 2009 12:50 AM	Sharing what is happening with our organizations isn't doing advocacy, in my opinion.
10	Oct 24, 2009 11:21 PM	It is sharing knowledge & resources, which is important.
11	Oct 25, 2009 9:21 PM	The monthly meeting is a good place to see where to try and lend a helping hand It used to - but now its more of an information sharing group instead of advocacy and action.
12	Oct 29, 2009 7:28 PM	I actually find the SAC meetings more of a place to get information about issues. Maybe this is because I have not been a regular attendee for quite some time. There is talk of a statewide aging/disability coalition being formed that will be tackling SB32. Many disability providers are senior providers and vice versa leading to increased confusion regarding the roles of all the different coalitions.
13	Oct 30, 2009 10:07 PM	Good source of information about network of community services. Good way to spread the word about our issues and activities.
14	Nov 2, 2009 4:45 PM	I have three jobs and simply cannot come but I do like to know the agenda and information.
15	Nov 3, 2009 5:42 AM	

The Senior Advocacy Coalition meeting is a good opportunity for you to advocate for the needs of older adults?



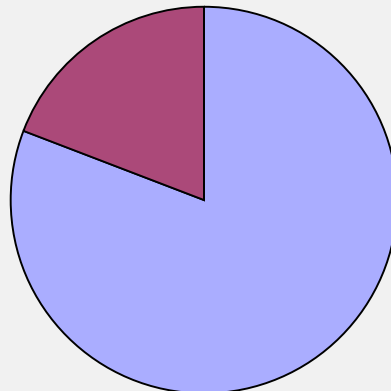
## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

Are you involved in any other state wide initiative to promote and advocate for older adults?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	80.8%	21
No	19.2%	5
Please explain:		18
<b>answered question</b>		<b>26</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

Number	Response Date	Please explain:
1	Oct 23, 2009 7:28 PM	Alaska Commission on Aging; AGENET
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:30 PM	GEC
3	Oct 23, 2009 7:32 PM	Seniors Behavioral Health Coalition
4	Oct 23, 2009 7:34 PM	ACOA efforts.
5	Oct 23, 2009 7:35 PM	That's what we do
6	Oct 23, 2009 7:41 PM	Tons of stuff through ACoA...
7	Oct 23, 2009 7:45 PM	I am on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission for the MOA
8	Oct 23, 2009 8:04 PM	On Board of National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter
9	Oct 23, 2009 8:33 PM	ACoA, Mayor's Senior Commission....et al
10	Oct 23, 2009 9:49 PM	many, on many fronts, including our own agency Agenet, the Alaska Mobility Coalition and the Alaska Commission On
11	Oct 24, 2009 12:50 AM	Aging cover the whole state and take effective action. Alaska Commission on Aging is a very stong advocate organiation
12	Oct 24, 2009 7:09 PM	for all seniors in the state of Alaska AARP, Seniors Behavioral Health Coalition, Older Persons Action
13	Oct 25, 2009 2:48 AM	Group, State of Alaska
14	Oct 25, 2009 9:21 PM	OPAG
15	Oct 26, 2009 6:52 PM	AgeNet I quit going to SAC meetings in favor of other groups who are more active in advocating.
16	Oct 29, 2009 7:28 PM	AGENET, PCA Providers Association of Alaska
17	Nov 2, 2009 4:02 AM	Member of Senior Behavioral Health Coalition, ADRC Advisory Committee and two of our IL centers are Aging and Disability
18	Nov 2, 2009 4:45 PM	Resource Centers

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Yes  
No

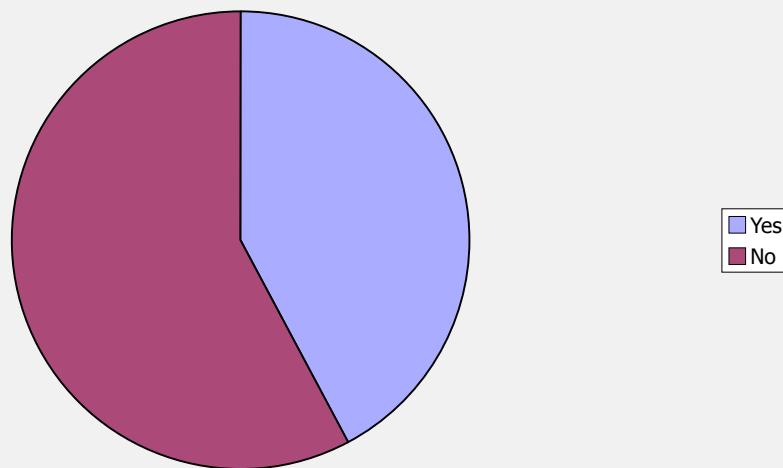
## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

**Do you know of other people or agencies who would benefit from participating in future senior advocacy initiatives?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	42.1%	8
No	57.9%	11
If so, please provide contact name and information:		8
	<b>answered question</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>	<b>12</b>

Number	Response Date	If so, please provide contact name and information:
1	Oct 23, 2009 3:09 AM	Kathy Fitzgerald is doing some neat work on advocacy and would like to attend a few meetings or get information out to older adults.
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:32 PM	Not sure if they are already on the member list, but any of the agencies involved with the SBHC would benefit from an advocacy meeting for seniors. Perhaps if the SAC focused on policy advocacy that would help define its mission. If we met with a purpose other than updating each other on what we're doing, but instead came together over various issues/policies etc. I.E. medicare reform or something.
3	Oct 23, 2009 8:33 PM	Seems fairly representative. Perhaps more native involvement.
4	Oct 23, 2009 9:49 PM	OPAG
5	Oct 25, 2009 2:48 AM	Seniors Behavioral Health Coalition Mary C. Sullivan
6	Oct 26, 2009 6:52 PM	Waiver and grant care coordinators Off hand can't think of anyone who is not already on the list. I do think that many of our disability providers are moving into senior services and there are advantages and disadvantages to joining forces.
7	Oct 30, 2009 10:07 PM	Centers for Independent Living
8	Nov 2, 2009 4:45 PM	Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Do you know of other people or agencies who would benefit from participating in future senior advocacy initiatives?**



## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

What initiative(s) would you like to see the Senior Advocacy Coalition champion?

Answer Options	Response Count
	16
<i>answered question</i>	<b>16</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>15</b>

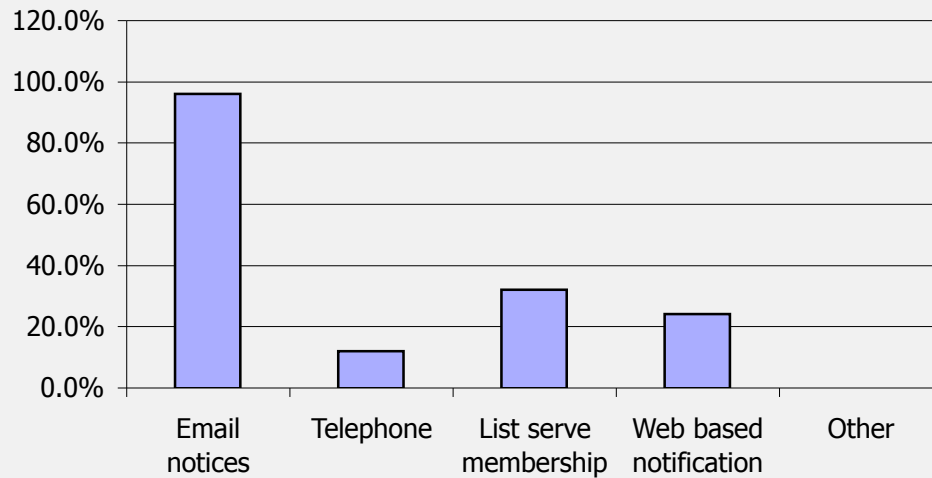
Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Oct 23, 2009 3:09 AM	Something that would benefit the well elders, and positive, like successful aging, or wellness. We could also focus on health literacy which impacts a large number of older adults.
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:28 PM	Have some outcomes
3	Oct 23, 2009 7:30 PM	Health Care Reform
4	Oct 23, 2009 7:32 PM	Health care reform, assessment in primary care settings, increase number of geriatric specialist doctors in AK, increase training for assisted living staff and other direct care staff/paraprofessionals
5	Oct 23, 2009 7:34 PM	Senior issues relevant to Anchorage.
6	Oct 23, 2009 7:35 PM	The regular info exchange is still valuable. From our standpoint, it gives us an opportunity to share legislative info with others who might be interested.
7	Oct 23, 2009 7:41 PM	This has not been the main purpose of SAC in the past, as far as I know. However, if it takes that direction in the future, one good issue may be community access and walkability. Our biggest cities have very poor winter maintenance of sidewalks and parking lots, which affects seniors more than others. Many stay home all winter. Others risk life and limb to get out and shop or get to services.
8	Oct 23, 2009 7:45 PM	Transportation, affordable housing, better oversight of assisted living facilities
9	Oct 23, 2009 8:33 PM	I believe this question might have been more productive had it focused on asking what subject or issues SAC should focus on to foster or regain additional interest with senior stakeholders. It would appear, if participation and interest has declined, previous stakeholders are reevaluating where they are best utilizing time and available resources. Are they obtaining anything from SAC that perhaps they haven't already gained somewhere else?
10	Oct 23, 2009 9:43 PM	current legislation affecting elders, state & federal funding for elder programs, funding for senior center programs
11	Oct 24, 2009 12:50 AM	I'd like to see the group disbanded so we can focus on the work of the other groups that take action.
12	Oct 24, 2009 7:09 PM	Supporting the Commissions advocacy issues for the current year
13	Oct 26, 2009 8:06 PM	Issues surrounding State Medicaid/Medicare problems
14	Oct 29, 2009 7:28 PM	Health care access Housing Transportation
15	Oct 30, 2009 10:07 PM	not sure--there are so many. Certainly housing and transportation continue to rise to the top as well as work force.
16	Nov 2, 2009 4:45 PM	Medicare Reform, Transportation Coordination, Housing

## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

**What is the most effective way to get information to you or your agency to increase your participation? (Check <u>ALL</u> that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Email notices	96.0%	24
Telephone	12.0%	3
List serve membership	32.0%	8
Web based notification	24.0%	6
Other (please specify)	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>

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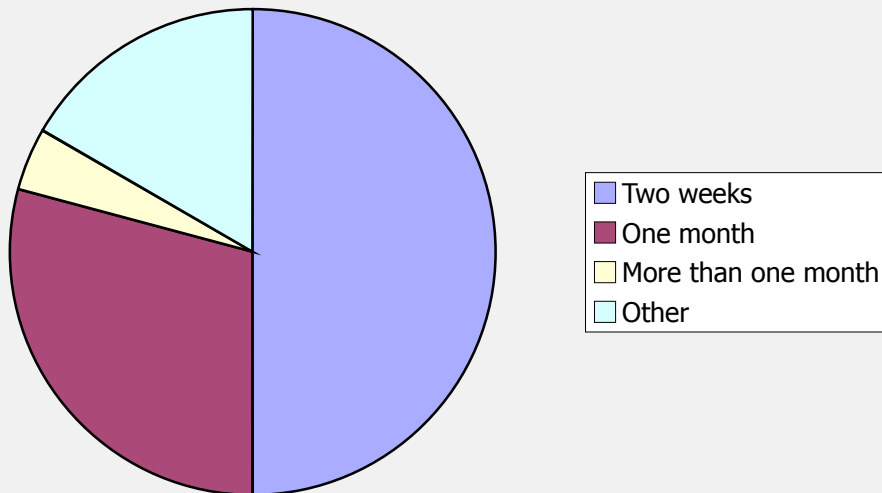
## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

Typically, how much notice would you like to have in order to consider participation in this type of meeting?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Two weeks	50.0%	12
One month	29.2%	7
More than one month	4.2%	1
Other	16.7%	4
(please specify)		5
<b>answered question</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

Number	Response Date	(please specify)
1	Oct 23, 2009 7:27 PM	one week
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:34 PM	One week.
3	Oct 23, 2009 9:49 PM	one week
4	Oct 24, 2009 7:09 PM	2 days before meeting
5	Nov 2, 2009 4:02 AM	One week

Typically, how much notice would you like to have in order to consider participation in this type of meeting?



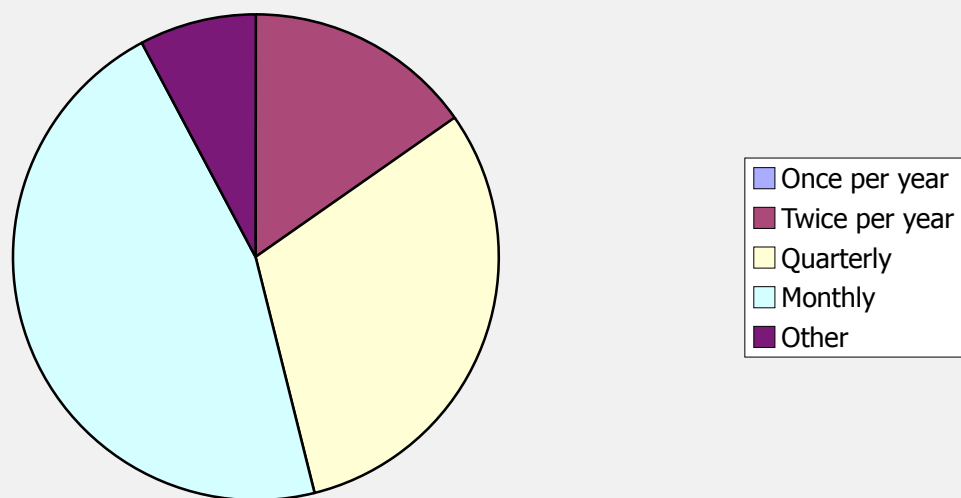
## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

How often would you be willing to participate in senior advocacy meetings such as this?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Once per year	0.0%	0
Twice per year	15.4%	4
Quarterly	30.8%	8
Monthly	46.2%	12
Other (please specify)	7.7%	2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>26</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

Number	Response Date	(please specify)
1	Oct 23, 2009 7:32 PM	simply because of busyness with other similar meetings
2	Oct 23, 2009 8:04 PM	Sometimes it is hard to leave the office so I would need information to call in telephonically.
3	Oct 24, 2009 12:50 AM	Monthly except ACOA legislative meetings every 2 wks.
4	Oct 30, 2009 10:07 PM	see note below

How often would you be willing to participate in senior advocacy meetings such as this?



## Senior Advocacy Coalition Meeting Survey

Please share any additional comments or recommendations you have for improving the Senior Advocacy Coalition meeting.

Answer Options	Response Count
	14
<i>answered question</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>17</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Oct 23, 2009 3:09 AM	I would like to have the group select a focus area where we could get some education, and then make some efforts to advocate in the selected area.
2	Oct 23, 2009 7:34 PM	Meetings focused around a particular issue or agenda might generate more interest.
3	Oct 23, 2009 7:35 PM	I have a conflicting meeting with public health staffers every Friday morning. I can usually get to SAC but I'll likely be late. The purpose of SAC meetings in the past seemed to be to provide useful information to advocates, rather than engaging in direct advocacy as a group. Having a monthly topic and featured invited speaker was key to audience participation. That format has fallen by the wayside, and with it attendance at the meetings. I suspect very few people are terribly motivated to attend when the content amounts to recitation of recent activities by a long list of organizations. I think a return to a focused format, with specific topics (e.g., understanding Medicaid issues) or trainings (e.g., how to advocate to the legislature) would be most useful to the largest group of advocates.
4	Oct 23, 2009 7:41 PM	My schedule does not allow for monthly meetings and I don't like to duplicate efforts with other commissions.
5	Oct 23, 2009 7:45 PM	Other commissions.
6	Oct 23, 2009 8:33 PM	One consideration is to evaluate whether or not GEC (i.e. - any one entity) should moderate or act as the primary point of contact for each meeting. The benefit is continuity, but does it somehow change the character of the discussions which may impact participation? Not sure, but a thought having attended. Regardless, Sue Samet is a very, very, very hard act to follow and the bar was set very high for those who attended under her time. Sue possessed a natural talent to easily converse about assisted living and yet switch to housing (example) as though she had worked in the industry itself. Finally, once interest has been lost it will be very difficult to rebound unless significant changes are imposed and people feel the need to give it a "second view." If they do, and nothing (or little) has changed it's likely their last visit. If it has, things may once again pick up. We may only have one chance here, in other words. Hope the feedback helps. Thanks, Jim
7	Oct 23, 2009 9:43 PM	This is a great service. If you want to collect true attendance, is there a fax number so we can send in our names & number of people participating in the telecon. We don't always interrupt to let people know we're on line.
8	Oct 24, 2009 12:50 AM	What would be lost if you disbanded the group? Is there another meeting you already attend where these issues are covered? There is too much work to be done to lose 2 hours per month in a meeting which accomplishes nothing. My apologies for being so blunt but I am tired.
9	Oct 24, 2009 7:09 PM	This is a very informative meeting for all that are interested in serving seniors in our state, and a good networking opportunity as well. Its nie to be kept up on the current issues facing our populations.
10	Oct 24, 2009 11:21 PM	I have not been to many, as this summer they happened to be on days when I was traveling or had other engagements.
11	Oct 25, 2009 9:21 PM	I really like helping out at senior events and OPAG it has been difficult since I have taken in my grand-daughter.
12	Oct 29, 2009 7:28 PM	Again, SAC used to be better at advocating for senior needs at every level (city/state/fed, etc.) Attendance used to be people in positions of power and authority. Now it seems to be informational only with mid to lower level staff without much power or authority to spearhead effective advocacy campaigns.
13	Oct 30, 2009 10:07 PM	I'm wondering that if during the legislative session, we could combine the ACOA teleconferences and SAC meetings. Seems that this would decrease the number of meetings and help us focus since ACOA attends SAC and many members of SAC attend ACOA teleconferences. When there is no session I think monthly or every other month would work.
14	Nov 2, 2009 4:02 AM	The SAC changed, it spent too much time on Anchorage specific issues, or on more tangential issues related to seniors, but not ones needing advocacy by the non profit provider agencies, such as the one I represent.