

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

The 2018 BC Community Mental Health and Substance Use Sector Survey was informed by previous research undertaken by CAI on the not-for-profit sector, and was developed in partnership with CAI staff, Leadership Council members, and CAI's Research and Evaluation Committee

Survey questions addressed key areas of relevance for the BC context:

-  Organization details and service mix / type
-  Workforce capacity and development
-  Opioid overdose crisis
-  Peer engagement
-  Policy engagement

Data Collection

The survey was delivered online using SurveyMonkey™, and data was collected over a 4-week period, from November 14th 2018 to December 12th 2018. Respondents were invited to participate via email, and through a live link made available on CAI's website.

To avoid duplicate responses, one individual – either the Executive Director, or Senior Manager, was asked to complete the survey on behalf of their organization. At the end of the survey, participants were offered the chance to enter a prize draw to win one of ten \$50 Chapters gift cards.

Participants

A total of 135 community NGOs responded to the survey. Only organizations based in British Columbia that identified as providing mental health and/or substance use services, with at least one paid employee, were eligible to participate in the survey.

After accounting for duplicate or ineligible responses, a total of 101 community organizations were included in the final sample.

Analysis

Survey data was analyzed with SPSS statistics, to calculate frequencies and descriptive statistics. Qualitative data was analyzed using thematic analysis.

Limitations of the Data

As with all surveys, there are limitations to the findings from the 2018 BC Community Mental Health and Substance Use Sector Survey. The survey includes information about a portion of community organizations in BC that provide mental health and substance use services and may not be representative of the sector as a whole. It also relied on self-reported data, which may have implications for the validity of the findings.