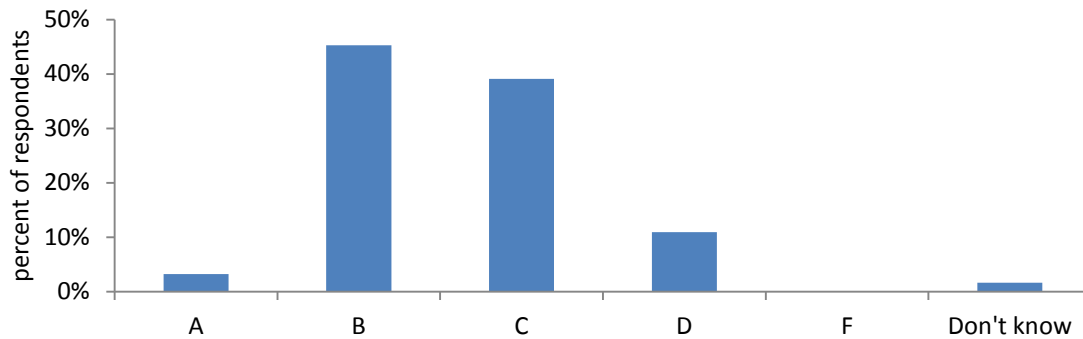


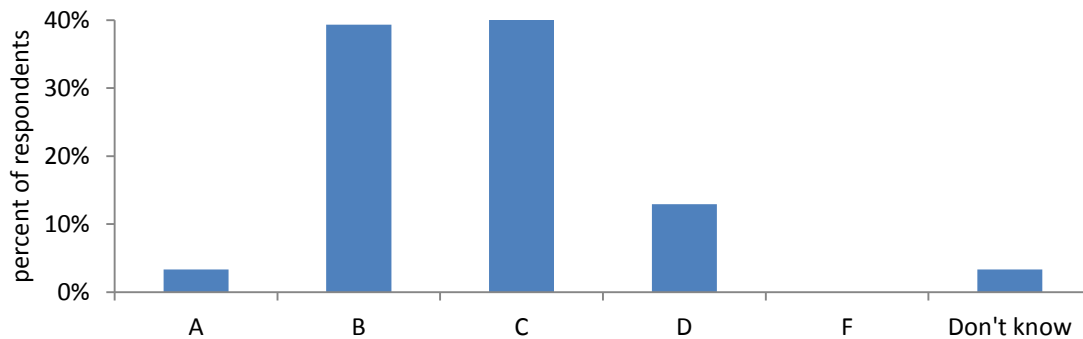
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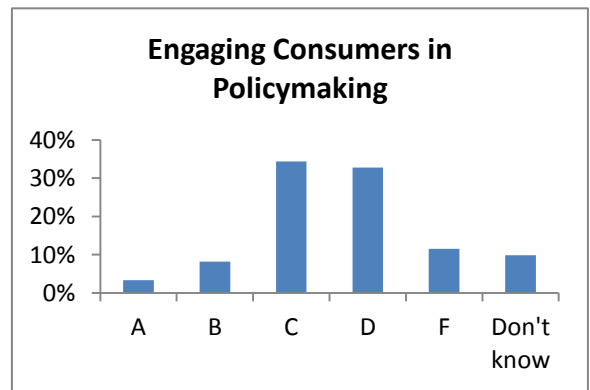
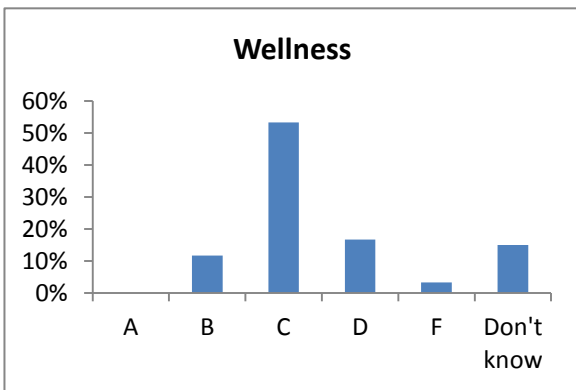
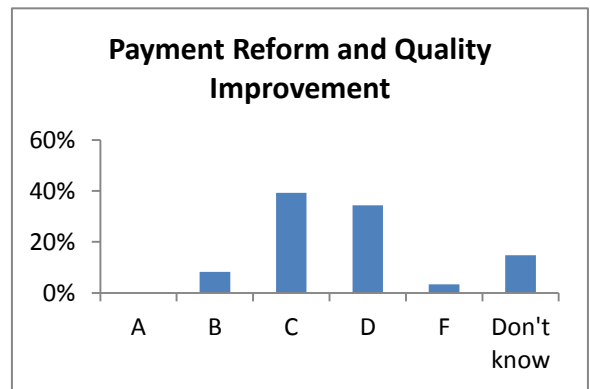
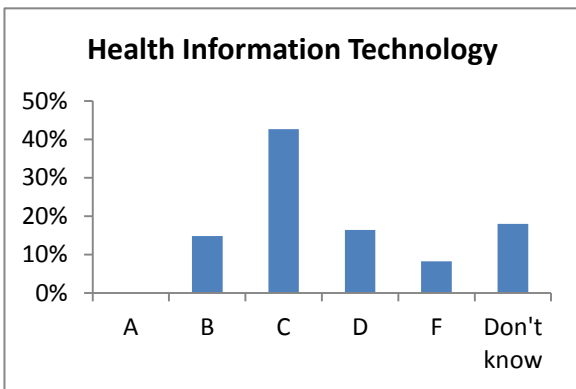
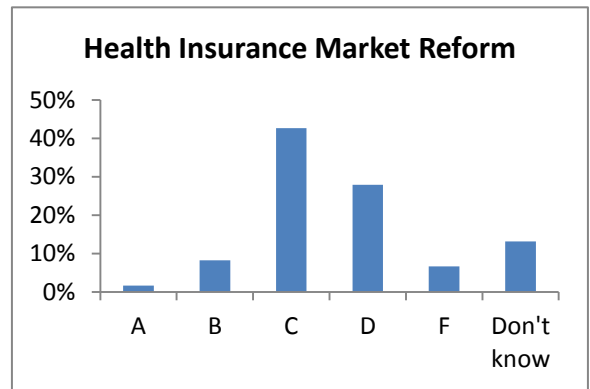
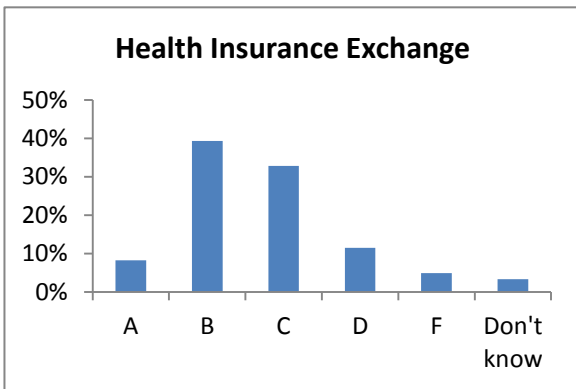
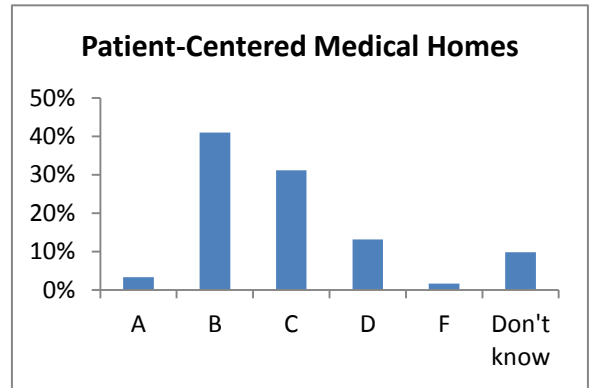
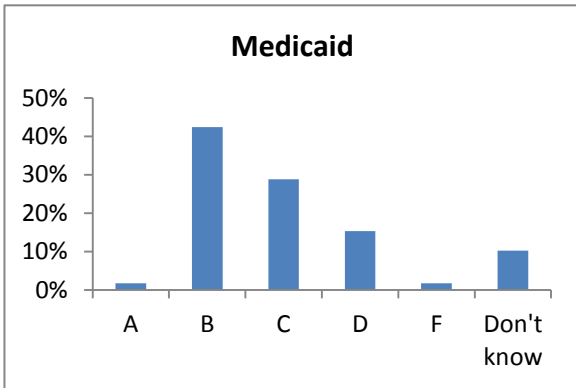
Connecticut health care thought leaders give our state a C+ on health reform again this winter; grades have varied between C and C+ over the last year. Connecticut also again earned a C+ for effort in this survey. Among issue areas only Medicaid improved since last Fall. Five areas lost ground particularly health information technology and public education. The overwhelming suggestion to improve progress is to engage consumers in policymaking and improve the CT Health Insurance Exchange.

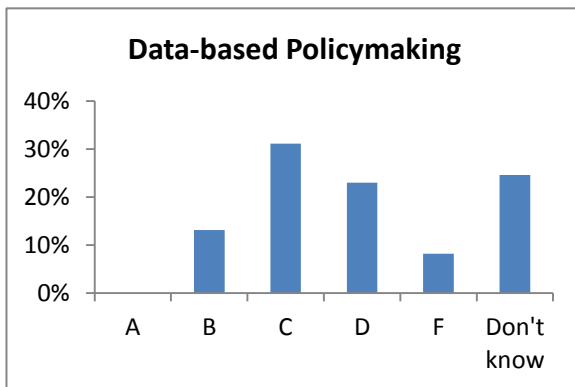
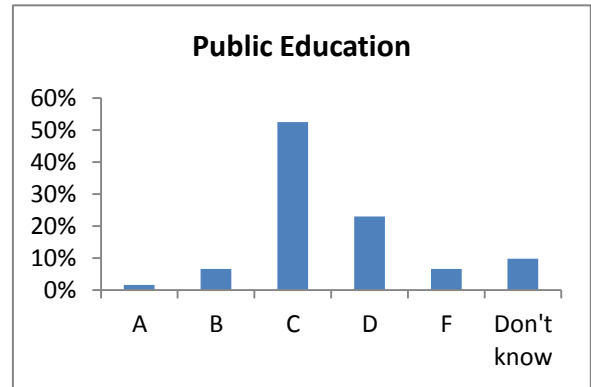
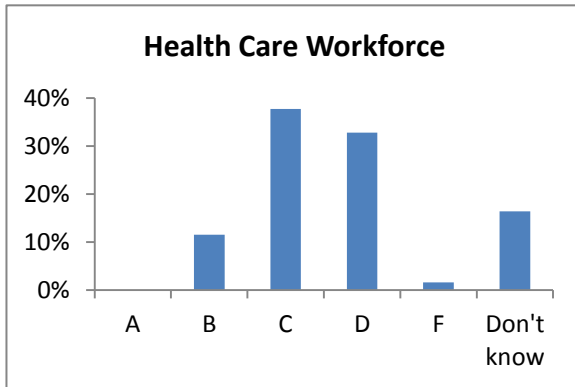
CT health reform grade



CT health reform grade for effort







The overwhelming theme among respondents' suggestions to improve progress toward health reform was to engage consumers in policymaking (27 responses) particularly in the Insurance Exchange.

- Allow for more consumer input
- More consumers at decision-making tables
- Engage consumers in policymaking
- Greater consumer involvement in the exchange
- Stronger consumer input; less influence by Exchange staff members

There were strong calls to improve the CT Health Insurance Exchange (16 responses), improve communications and transparency of policymaking (10 responses), smarter policymaking including data and analysis (9 responses), "get moving" and calls for leadership (9 responses), and engage stakeholders who have been left out (7 responses).

There were also calls for innovative transformations of the health care system including Sustinet, a public option, and building a statewide network of clinics to give the current health care delivery system "a run for their money."

Methodology Ninety-one thought leaders across Connecticut's health fields and sectors were surveyed online between December 14, 2012 and January 23, 2013. Sixty-four (70%) responded. The invitation list was collected from membership of health-related state councils, board and committees, and leadership of health-related organizations. Respondents represented community organizations, foundations, providers, payers, consumer advocates, labor, business people, insurance brokers, and academics. To ensure independent responses, state officials responsible for reform were not surveyed.

For full survey results, go to http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201301_survey_summary.pdf