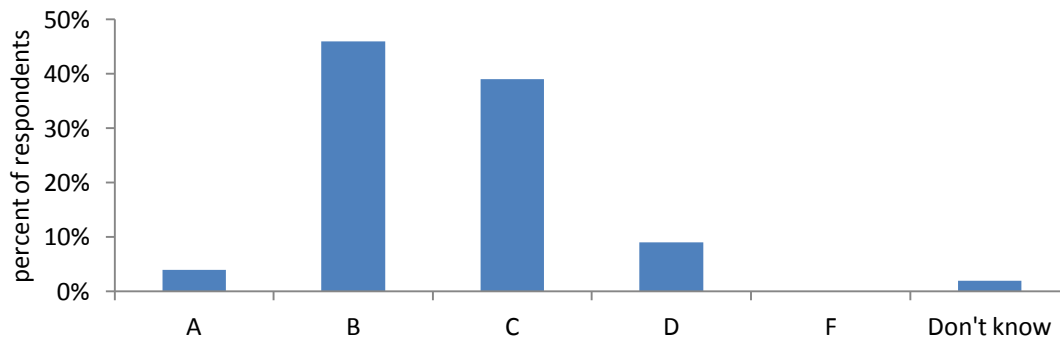


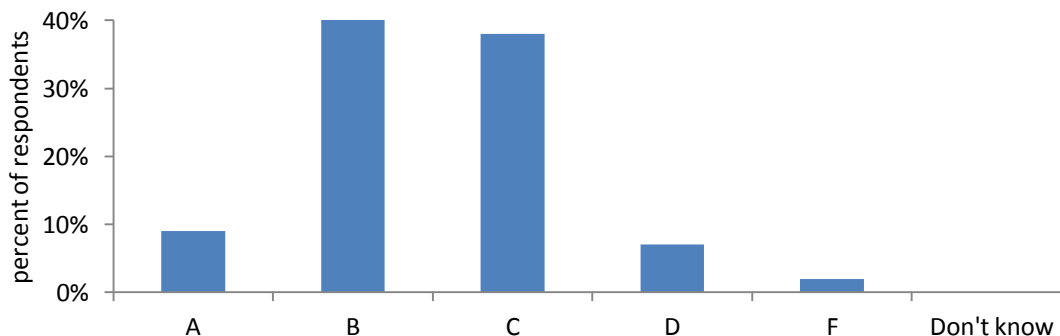
Connecticut gets a C+ on health reform – and a C for effort

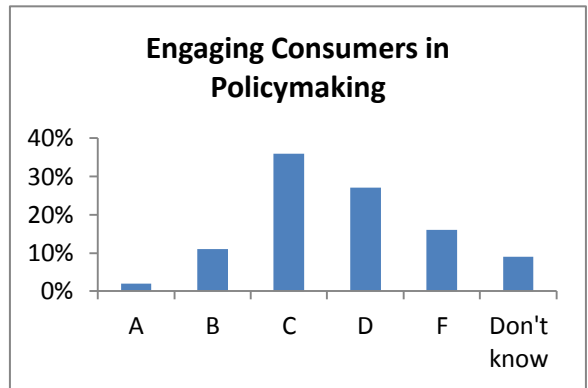
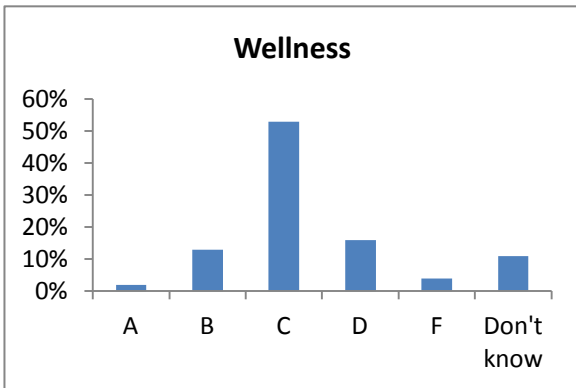
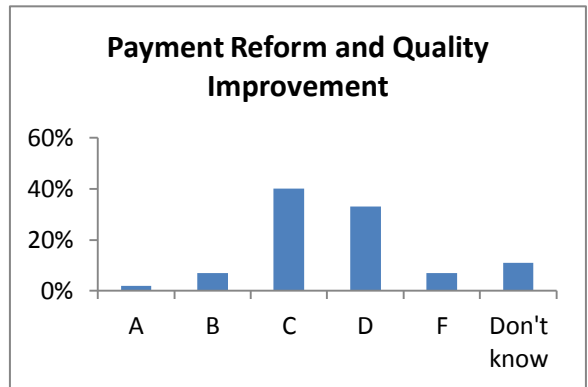
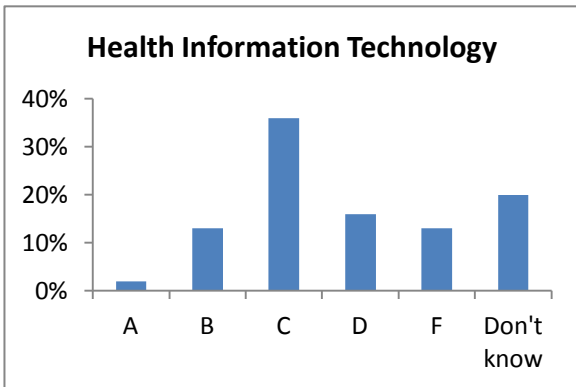
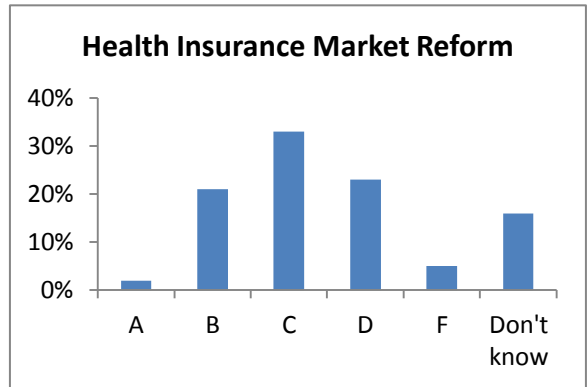
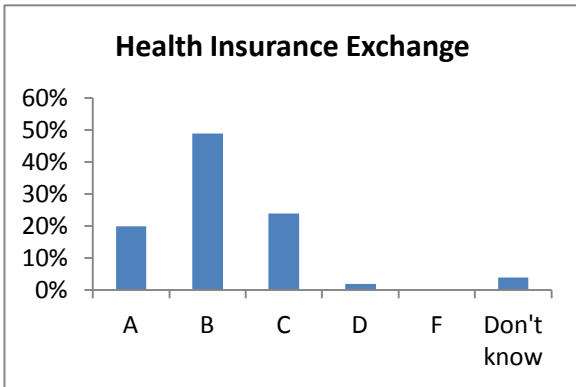
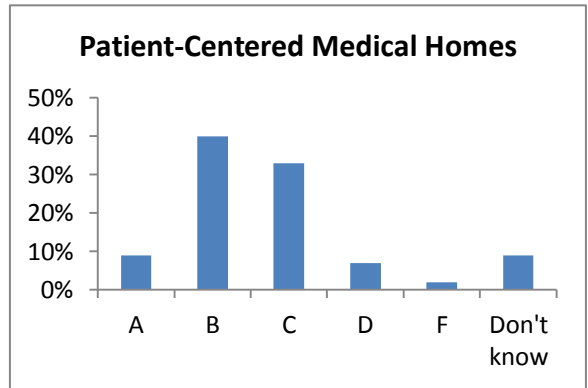
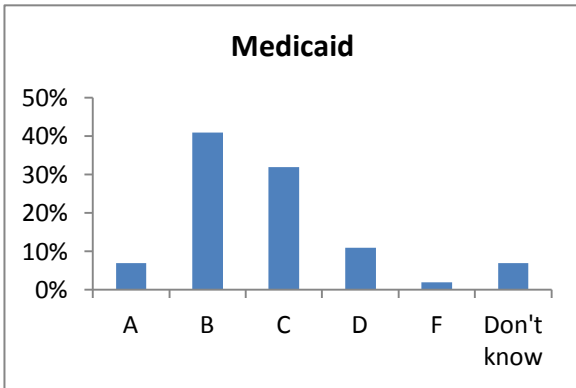
Connecticut health care thought leaders give our state a C+ grade (GPA 2.45) on health reform last month; down slightly from the October 2013 survey. Connecticut’s grade for effort also dropped to a C (GPA 2.1) in this survey. Among issue areas Connecticut continues to earn higher marks for Medicaid, patient-centered medical homes and the health insurance exchange. The lowest marks are for health information technology, engaging consumers in policymaking, and payment reform/quality improvement. The state’s performance on Medicaid and patient-centered medical homes improved since the last survey. Health information technology lost ground. Thought leaders’ suggestions to improve progress are to engage consumers, smarter policymaking and leadership, and improve communication and public education.

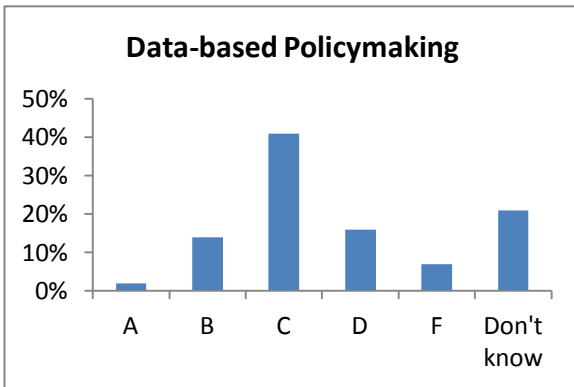
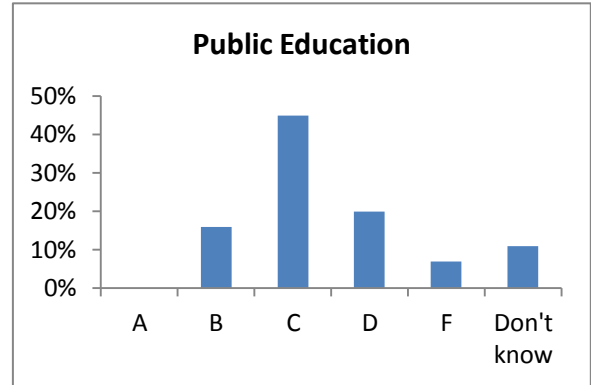
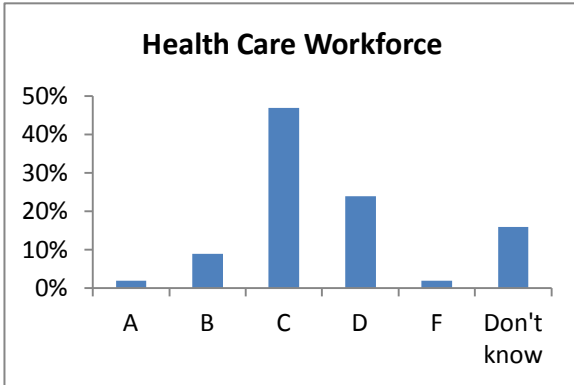
CT health reform grade



CT health reform grade for effort







Suggestions to improve policymaking were similar to previous surveys. As in most surveys, engaging consumers was the top recommendation (13 responses), followed by smarter policymaking (11 responses), improving communications/public education (10 responses). Two new categories emerged in this survey -- improving technology (7 responses) and improving Medicaid/exchange enrollment and eligibility (6 responses). Other recommendations included improving transparency, engaging all stakeholders, and limiting provider consolidation /reducing profit motives (all with 6 responses).

- “TRUE CONSUMER INVOLVMENT”
- “Public conversations on health care, with all the information – not selected pieces, listen to consumers and incorporate into decision making”
- “more attention to details in planning”
- “use data, hire truly independent analysts, learn from others”
- “invest in HIT”

Methodology Seventy thought leaders across Connecticut’s health fields and sectors were surveyed online between January 20 and February 28, 2014. Forty-six (66%) 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/201402_survey_summary_p1.pdf and http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201402_survey_summary_p2.pdf