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| **Worksheet** | **5.1 Multi-Voting Process** |
| **County** |  |
| **Meeting Date** |  |
| **Meeting Location** |  |
| **Assessment Cycle** |  |

The purpose of this worksheet is to identify the top three priority health issues from a list of many. The Multi-Voting Technique (MVT) is typically used when a long list of health problems or issues must be narrowed down to a top few. This prioritization technique allows a health problem which may not be a top priority of any individual but is favored by all to rise to the top. This is not the only method for prioritizing health issues and there are additional worksheets that cover these alternative strategies.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. **Round 1 vote** – Once a list of health problems has been established, each participant votes for their highest priority items. In this round, participants can vote for as many health problems as desired or, depending on the number of items on the list, a maximum number of votes per participant can be established.
2. **Update list** – Health problems with a vote count equivalent to half the number of participants voting remain on the list and all other health problems are eliminated (e.g. if 20 participants are voting, only health problems receiving 10 or more votes remain).
3. **Round 2 vote** – Each participant votes for their highest priority items from the updated list. In this round, participants can vote a number of times equivalent to half the number of health problems on the list (e.g. if ten items remain on the list, each participant can cast five votes). The list is updated in the same manner as Step 2.
4. **Repeat** – Step 3 should be repeated until the list is narrowed down to the desired number of health priorities.

Example: A CHA Team of 14 individuals votes to narrow down the list of eight Health Issues (left column) identified at an earlier meeting to a list of the top three priority health issues (right column) using the Multi-Voting Technique.

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| **Health Issue** | **Round 1 Votes****(unlimited votes)** | **Round 2 Votes****(only 3 votes each)** | **Round 3 Votes****(only 2 votes each)** | **Priority****Health Issue?** |
| Substance Abuse and Misuse | √√√√√√√√ 8 | √√√√√√√√√√ 10 | √√√√√√√√√ 9 | Yes |
| Youth Nicotine Use | √√√√√√√√√√ 10 | √√√√√√√ 7 | √√√√√√ 6 | Yes |
| Youth Obesity | √√√√√√√ 7 | √√√√√√√ 7 | √√√ 3 | Eliminated |
| Physical Activity | ~~√√√√√~~ <7 | Eliminated |  |  |
| Frequent Mental Distress | √√√√√√√√√ 9 | ~~√√√√√~~ <7 | Eliminated |  |
| Teen Births | ~~√√√√~~ <7 | Eliminated |  |  |
| Uninsurance Rate | ~~√√~~ <7 | Eliminated |  |  |
| Rate of Opioid Prescriptions | √√√√√√√√√√√√√ 13 | √√√√√√√√√√√√√ 13 | √√√√√√√√√√ 10 | Yes |

*If the multi-voting technique does not suit your group, please feel free to contact the Office of Health Policy for additional options for needs prioritization.*

