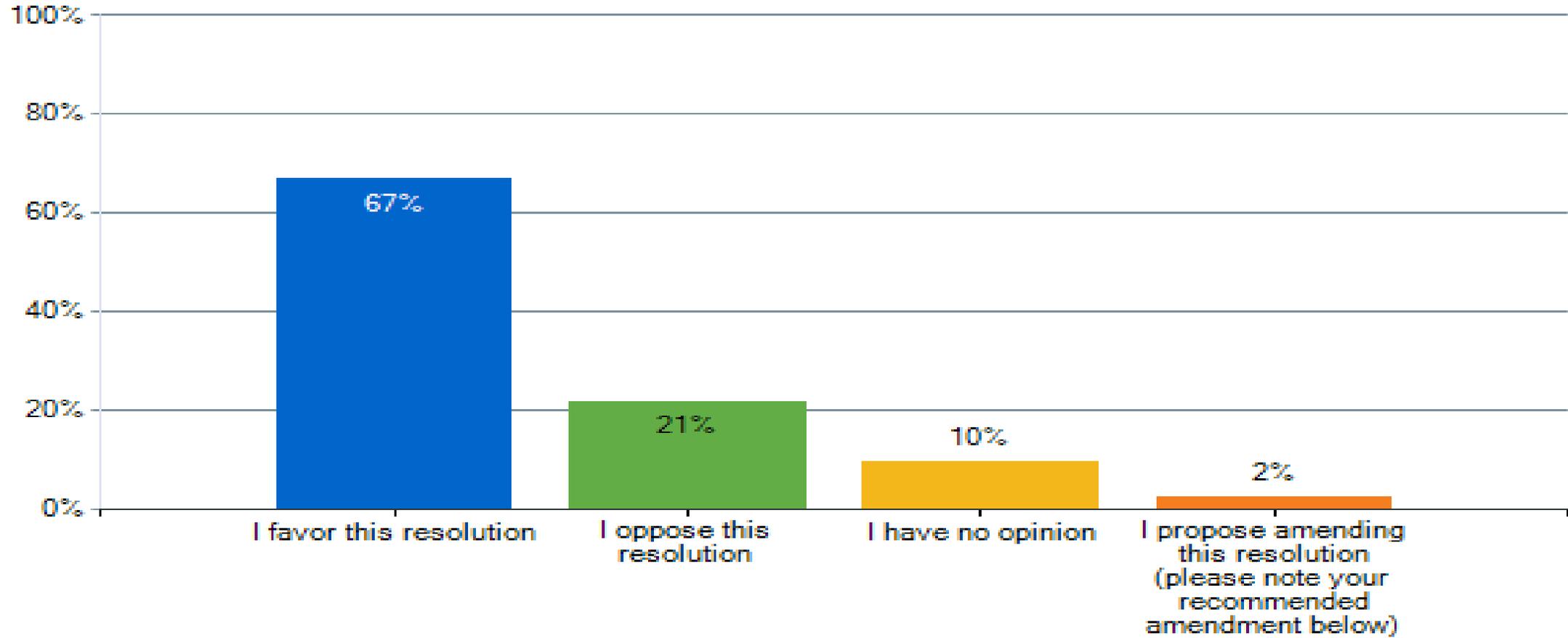
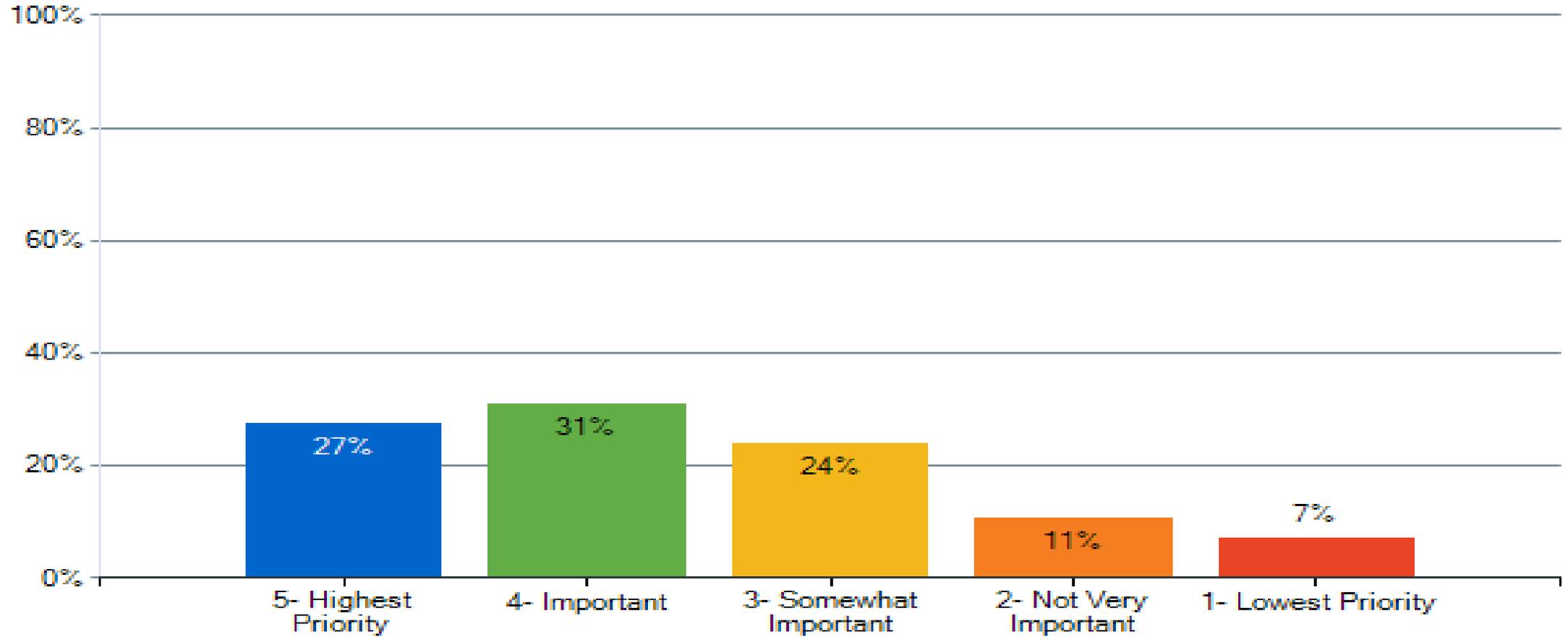


# Advocating for the Utilization of Health Care Professionals to Serve as First Responders for 911 Mental Health Emergency Calls



84 Responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



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Comments

SR No.	Response No.	Response Text
1	5	We should wait to see how pilot programs fare before advocating further changes.
2	10	Interesting idea. But it probably makes sense to try it out and see how it really works before putting our full weight behind it and saying that it is something we recommend. It sounds interesting and possibly good but we know nothing about it in practice. Therefore, I think the resolution is too broad and oppose it. If the resolution instead said that we support the concept of trial programs, that would be something I could support.
3	30	Police are not mental health experts and shouldn't have to deal with those cases.
4	38	A good area for organized medicine to become more active, definitely favor more action in this area.
5	41	Timely though the logistics seem quite challenging given the deficit of mental health care providers.
6	44	Too many questions involved in this resolution. Who determines a mental health call is violent or non-violent. Who has information regarding weapons. In an ideal world, this would be a great resolution, but in reality it would potentially put healthcare workers and mental health workers in harms way.
7	45	I agree
8	31	How many mental health care professionals have to die before people realize that it was better to send the police in the first place?
9	47	strongly oppose-especially the 2nd resolve....how idiotic to send a mental health worker to an emergency situation where there is someone threatening violence or harboring a weapon and only using police as back-up.....consider the scenario where a woman calls because her boyfriend is threatening abuse and 911 sends a 110 pound counselor to the home.....this would increase costs dramatically-we have problems getting mental health workers for out-patient 9-5 weekday duty-cannot imagine what you would have to pay someone for this job
10	32	Law enforcement personnel would be the first to say they deal with too many 911 calls that are mental health related, but this raises question on execution, triage which need law enforcement muscle around.
11	62	I would agree with the above with the caveat that a policeman ALWAYS accompany a mental health professional on a 911 call. My nephew is a policeman and you never know what you are going to be facing in emergency 911 calls. The mental health professional will have to specially trained and I truly wonder where you will

		get them given that we don't have enough mental health services even for non-"911" needs.
12	73	Interesting concept. Not sure if this is a viable option or not.
13	79	The education of the public to select this option is of paramount importance. People know to dial 911 for police and fire emergencies, 311 4 for urgent and nuisance issues. You need another catchy number to call for mental health emergencies and then a public service education so people know to choose that option..
14	86	A nice idea whose implementation is fraught with problems. Which type of mental health professionals ? Who pays the on call fees ? Who provides medical/life insurance for the responding mental health professionals ?
15	87	Can support the concept but would be up to local factors to decide how to implement and fund such a proposal.