

Commissioner Survey 2026 Response Summary

North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission Planning Meeting
June 17, 2026

Response Summary

- 9 out of 15 Commissioners responded
- Roughly half of Commissioners responded



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Rating HTC Statutory Powers

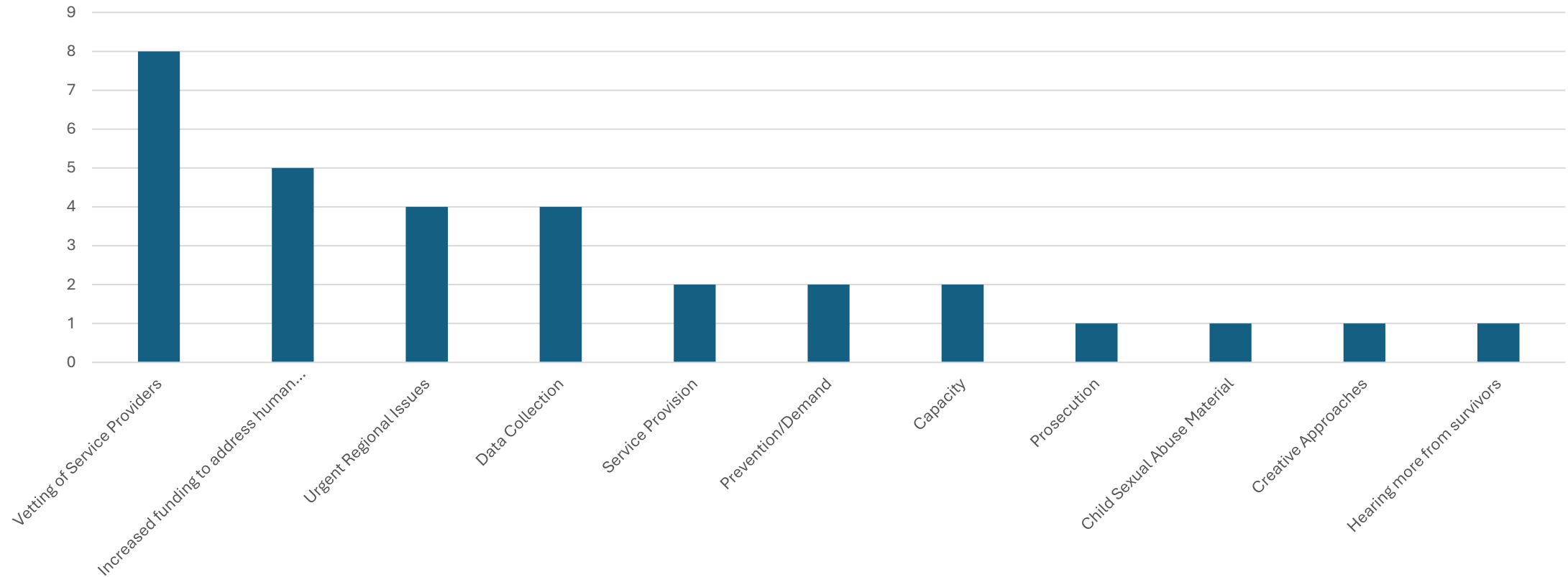
	Currently Taking Most Action
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	Most Needed for Increased Efforts and Activity
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The commission has discussed launching working groups that are called upon for specific, time-limited, tasks. Are there working groups needed at this time? If so, what are they?

- Data, Research and Metrics / Landscape Analysis (3 respondents)
- Regional Response Teams (2 responses)
 - One respondent emphasized active membership and accountability
 - Another emphasized rural areas
- Legislation (2 respondents)
 - One specifically requests review of Formal Advisory Opinion 2014-03 and to request that the Judicial Standards Commission issue a new Formal Opinion (related to crime victim visa certification)
- Service provision in underserved counties
- Survivor Engagement
- Online Exploitation/Tech
- Lobbying with General Assembly
- Work and meet with DHHS
- Review Grants Process
- Under-utilization of post conviction relief for survivors
- Law Enforcement Training regarding Utilization of Crime Victim Visa Certification and Continued Presence
- Labor Trafficking
- Standards

What are 3 key issues or topics impacting our state that need addressed in future commission meetings?



Are there specific research or surveys you believe the Commission should conduct?

- Many respondents focused on Service Provision and Survivor Protections
 - Comprehensive study of needs and loopholes
 - Statewide assessment
 - Landscape analysis
 - Vetting of Service Providers
 - Survivor Survey that address services provided
 - Need for drop-in centers and crisis shelters to address homeless population
- Legislative research
 - Survey regarding crime victim visa certification/ continued presence and NC law enforcement
- Demand

Do you have recommendations for speakers or subject matter experts, or existing trainings the Commission should hear from?

- Service Provision
- Providers that conduct assessment
- Mental health and substance use among survivors
- Survivors with lived experience
- Survivors and public benefits
- Representatives from states with nationally recognized data collection and program evaluation

What are examples of recent successes or innovative work in your field that should be shared with the full Commission?

- Continuing work without funding
- GRACE program addressing vulnerabilities to trafficking
- LEO cases and how non-profits work with LEOs

Is there anything else you'd like to see incorporated into future meetings?

- More input from service providers and related research (2 respondents)
- Address underserved communities
- Regional Response Teams
- Trends in our state
- Strategic Priorities
- Monthly meetings (or more frequent committee meetings)

Are there any other questions, ideas, comments, or concerns you have?

- General Assembly- Comprehensive bill prep including:
 - increased funding,
 - staff support,
 - conferences etc.



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