

Appendix E: Summary of Participant Evaluations

Participant Demographics (summarized from all regional events together)

- 21 people total were under 30 years old
- The average age was 54 years old
- Participants identified as 24.5 percent male, 65.5 percent female (10 percent did not answer the question)
- Participants identified as 91 percent White/Caucasian, 2.1 percent Native American, 0.7 percent Hispanic/Latino, 0.7 percent Black/African American, 0.3 percent Asian American, 0.3 percent more than one race, and 0.7 percent other
- 13 percent of participants were retired
- 10 percent of participants were students
- 27 percent of participants identified as liberal, 29 percent as somewhat liberal, 32 percent as moderate, 4 percent as somewhat conservative, and 3 percent as conservative

Participants reported highest educational attainment of the following levels:

- 1 percent elementary or middle school graduate
- 4 percent high school graduates
- 11 percent some college education
- 27 percent college graduates
- 53 percent post college graduates

Feedback on NH Listens Processes from Participants

Participants were asked questions about the experience of participating in a NH Listens conversation. Of those who responded, participants expressed the following views:

- 84.5 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the facilitator was prepared.
- 84.9 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the facilitator(s) made sure everyone took part in the conversation.
- 84.4 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their group talked about the most important issues related to the topic.
- 55.8 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that because of the conversation, they have a better understanding of people who they disagree with and their opinions.
- 86.6 percent of participants agreed or agreed strongly that their perspective was respected in the conversation.
- 69.3 percent of participants agreed or agreed strongly that they understood how the results from the conversation will be used to inform next steps.
- 80 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the information in the discussion guide was useful to them.
- 62.8 percent of participants felt that the time allotted for the sessions was the right amount of time (and 5.5 percent too much and 15.5 percent too little).
- 86.2 percent of participants agreed or agreed strongly that they were glad they participated in the community conversations.
- 82.8 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that they would attend another community conversation on this or a different topic.