

recommendations for future enumerations

Facility Engagement

- There are inconsistencies between how facilities were categorized in previous facility counts and how facilities categorized themselves on the enumeration forms. This was raised in the 2013 report as well. This draws attention to the need for more engagement, outreach and follow-up with participating facilities before and after the enumeration is recommended. This will also address knowledge gaps in agencies due to staff changes.

Facility Engagement – Hotels/Motels

- While the above recommendation covers hotels/motels, a more focused, outreach strategy should be developed for this group of facilities. Because these facilities are outside of the community social services sector, which represents the majority of participating facilities, a different kind of educational outreach is required that speaks to the fact that these facilities are businesses, while at the same time providing a much needed source of shelter in the community.

Youth

- Youth are undercounted in this enumeration. Research activities to address this undercount are underway. However, when the street count is implemented, a specific youth strategy will need to be developed. Metro Vancouver developed a specific youth strategy to address the undercounting of youth.²⁹

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