

Background Information on the 2013 Inventory of Facilities and Services to Address Homelessness in the Metro Vancouver region

Introduction

The 2013 Inventory of Facilities and Services to Address Homelessness in the Metro Vancouver Region has been updated. Its purpose is to support the development of a new Regional Homelessness Plan and review changes since the Regional Homelessness Plan: *3 Ways to Home* was prepared in 2003.

Scope

The inventory includes housing, income and support services that are either targeted to persons who are homeless and at-risk or that predominantly serve these populations. It is not an inventory of *all* housing, income and support services offered in the region. For a more comprehensive list, please see BC 211 Online.

Period covered

The inventory reflects conditions as of December 31, 2012. New projects or initiatives that have started or opened since then are not included. Similarly, projects or initiatives that have closed since then may still be in the inventory.

Accuracy

In an undertaking of this scope there are bound to be errors or omissions. Please forward comments to Deborah Kraus at the Metro Vancouver Homelessness Secretariat:

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Housing Inventory

The material for this section was based on the 2007 inventory with updated information provided by BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority and the Greater Vancouver Shelter Strategy. Please note that social housing data include only those housing projects that have a relationship with BC Housing. Where social housing operating agreements have expired and/or BC Housing has no oversight role, these projects may not be included.

The housing categories are:

- ACT Housing Supplements
- Assisted Recovery Program Housing Supplements
- Emergency Shelters (permanent & temporary)
- Extreme Weather Response sites
- Homeless Rent Supplements
- Mental Health - Emergency Shelter/Short Stay/Crisis and Respite Beds
- Permanent Social Housing
- Rental Assistance Program
- Second Stage Housing for Women and Children Fleeing Violence
- Supported Independent Living Program (SILP) Rent Supplements for adults and youth
- Singles Housing - including units built under Low Income Urban Singles (LIUS) program
- Supportive housing targeting homelessness (including supported hotels)
- Transition Houses for Women and Children Fleeing Violence
- Transitional Housing - including transitional housing for youth (under and over 19)
- Youth Agreements
- Youth Emergency Shelters and Safe Houses

Not included:

- Group homes and facilities providing shelter and care through the child welfare system
- Mental health short stay housing and care facilities that require referral through the mental health system
- Group homes for persons with mental health issues

Support Services Inventory

The support component of the 2013 Inventory was updated by requesting updated information from major service providers, including Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health Authority, and by referring to BC211 online. The SCPI project list provided by HRSDC was also used to incorporate SCPI funded initiatives, as were recent local inventories prepared in Surrey and Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows.

The support categories are:

- Aboriginal - Band member support
- Aboriginal - Cultural support
- Addiction Treatment - Detoxification - residential facilities
- Addiction Treatment - Non-residential services
- Addiction Treatment - Non-residential services - Youth
- Addiction Treatment - Residential treatment, supportive recovery & transitional living
- Advocacy, Legal & Other Information
- Concurrent Disorders Programs
- Counselling
- Drop-in Centres
- Health Care – Physical
- Hospital Psychiatric Acute Care
- Housing Relocation Assistance and Referral
- Mental Health
- Mental health - Assertive Case Management
- Mental health - Emergency Shelter/Short Stay/Crisis and Respite Beds
- Mental health Services and Centres/Teams
- Needle Exchange Program
- Outreach Services
- Prevention Services - Aboriginal
- Prevention Services - Supporting Stable Tenancies
- Support Services
- Youth - Emergency/Crisis Services
- Youth - Sexual abuse
- Youth Support, Counselling & Life Skills

Not included:

- Adult general social services like counseling, life skills, sexual abuse, family support etc...

Income Services Inventory

The material for this section was compiled from the 2007 inventory with updated on-line information from the Ministry for Social Development and Service Canada. It includes services and programs for people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness. The income categories are:

- Assistance Outreach
- Community Assistance Program
- Employment and Assistance Offices
- Employment Services
- Income Assistance Program