

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT
Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: September 13, 2023

Name of Inspector: Angela Newman

Inspection Type: Routine Inspection

Licensee: ACC-002713 - 2259973 Ontario Inc.

Retirement Home: John Joseph Place

License Number: S0108

About Routine Inspections

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee’s management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine inspection, the RHRA inspector prepares a draft inspection report which is sent to the licensee. The draft report may include instances where the licensee has failed to meet the standards of the *RHA*. If included, the licensee can respond to these instances and is strongly encouraged to inform RHRA of its plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*.

Following the draft report, the RHRA inspector prepares this final inspection report, incorporating any response from the licensee with their plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*. The most recent final inspection report must be posted in the home in a visible and easily accessible location. All final inspection reports from the previous two years must also be made available in an easily accessible location in the home. The licensee must provide a copy of this report to the home’s Residents’ Council, if one exists.

In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.

If the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Focus Areas

During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.

Focus Area #1: Abuse and Neglect

RHRA Inspector Findings

During the routine inspection, a review of a resident’s record indicated the Licensee failed to follow it’s Zero Tolerance of Abuse and Neglect policy while investigating resident responsive behaviours. The Licensee failed to ensure any evidence accumulated during the investigation was documented and events related to the incident were recorded in the resident chart. The Licensee failed to implement their Zero Tolerance of Abuse and Neglect policy fully.

<p>Outcome</p> <p>The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.</p>
<p>Focus Area #2: Emergency Plan</p>
<p>RHRA Inspector Findings</p> <p>As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed the Licensee’s records of testing for their emergency plans and found that the testing for situations involving the loss of essential services, medical emergencies, and a missing resident had not been completed annually. The Licensee failed to ensure that testing was done annually as required.</p>
<p>Outcome</p> <p>The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by October 22, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.</p>
<p>Focus Area #3: Infection Prevention and Control</p>
<p>RHRA Inspector Findings</p> <p>During the routine inspection, the inspector observed that the home failed to post passive screening for COVID as per the Chief Medical Officer of Health guidance. The Licensee failed to follow the guidance and direction provided by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.</p>
<p>Outcome</p> <p>At the time of the inspection, the Licensee was not in compliance. The home has since taken corrective action to achieve compliance.</p>
<p>Focus Area #4: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care</p>
<p>RHRA Inspector Findings</p> <p>As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed a sample of residents' plans of care. There is a requirement to update a plan of care as care needs change. The inspector found that not all the plans were updated at the time the residents’ care needs changed or every six months. The Licensee failed to ensure plans of care were revised and updated in compliance with the legislation.</p>
<p>Outcome</p> <p>The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by October 15, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.</p>
<p>Focus Area #5: Staff Training</p>
<p>RHRA Inspector Findings</p> <p>As a part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed a sample of annual training records in the areas of zero tolerance of abuse, Bill of Rights, Infection control, Whistle Blower protection, PASDs, fire prevention and safety, complaints, and behaviour management. One staff member had not been trained since 2022 and two staff members were missing training on complaints, infection prevention and control, injury prevention, whistle blower protection, PASD’s and Resident Bill of Rights. The inspector found that two new staff hires in 2023 had not completed their required training prior to working with residents. Of the staff records that were reviewed, the inspector found that no staff had been fully trained in accordance with the training requirements outlined in the Licensee’s Dementia Care Program Guidelines. The home was not able to determine that orientation and annual training was completed in alignment with legislative requirements.</p>
<p>Outcome</p> <p>The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by November 03, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.</p>

Additional Findings

During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. In these cases, an inspector may cite the home for these contraventions at the time of this inspection. In addition,

an inspector may follow-up on findings of non-compliance from previous inspections. Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate they have come into compliance or maintained compliance, an inspector may cite the home for these repeat contraventions at the time of this inspection.

Additional Finding#1: Dementia Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed the Licensee's dementia care program. The inspector confirmed the program had not been developed and implemented according to legislative requirements. The home was unable to demonstrate it had conducted an annual review of the dementia care program. The Licensee failed to ensure compliance with the legislation regarding its dementia care program.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by October 27, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Current Inspection – Citations

Citations relating to the above Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (1); Staff training

s. 14. (1); Staff training

14. (1) For the purposes of clause 65 (2) (j) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all staff who work in the home receive training in the procedure described in subsection 73 (1) of the Act for a person to complain to the licensee.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (2); Staff training

s. 14. (2); Staff training

14. (2) For the purposes of subsection 65 (4) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive training under subsection 65 (2) of the Act receive the training at least annually.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 1.

(i) the loss of essential services,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 2.

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 3.

(iii) medical emergencies,

s. 24. (5), (b)

(b) at least once every two years, conduct a planned evacuation of the retirement home;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

27. (9) The licensee shall ensure that each staff member who works in the retirement home receives training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission, including,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 27. (9), (a)

(a) the need for and method of maintaining proper hand hygiene and method of preventing cross contamination, including proper handling of soiled linens, the protection of uniforms, and the separation of clean and dirty items;

s. 27. (9), (b)

(b) the need for and process of reporting, providing surveillance of and documenting incidents of infectious illness.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 41. (3); Dementia care program

s. 41. (3); Dementia care program

41. (3) The program shall be developed and implemented in accordance with evidence-based practices and, if there are none, in accordance with prevailing practices.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 41. (5); Dementia care program

s. 41. (5); Dementia care program

41. (5) The program shall be evaluated at least annually and the licensee shall keep a written record of each evaluation.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 55. (5); Contents of records

s. 55. (5); Contents of records

55. (5) A licensee of a retirement home shall keep records proving compliance with the Act and this Regulation in relation to,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 55. (5), (c)

(c) the skills, qualifications and training of the staff who work in the home;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

62. (12) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 62. (12), (b)

(b) the resident's care needs change or the care services set out in the plan are no longer necessary;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (2); Training

s. 65. (2); Training

65. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that no staff work in the home unless they have received training in,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

s. 65. (2), (c)

(c) the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

s. 65. (2), (d)

(d) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 68 (3) regarding the use of personal assistance services devices for residents;

s. 65. (2), (e)

(e) injury prevention;

s. 65. (2), (h)

(h) the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4);

s. 65. (2), (i)

(i) all Acts, regulations, policies of the Authority and similar documents, including policies of the licensee, that are relevant to the person's duties;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (4); On-going training

s. 65. (4); On-going training

65. (4) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection (2) receive on-going training as described in that subsection at the times required by the regulations.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance

s. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance

67. (4) Without in any way restricting the generality of the duties described in subsections (1) and (2), the licensee shall ensure that there is a written policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents and shall ensure that the policy is complied with.

Closed Citations

During an inspection, an inspector may follow-up with areas of non-compliance cited during a previous inspection, or verify compliance with areas initially cited during the current inspection. The inspector has verified that at the time of this report, the licensee was able to demonstrate that the following areas have come into compliance.

Ontario Regulation 166/11:

s. 17. (3); Cleanliness

17. (3) The licensee shall document the routines and methods used to comply with subsections (1) and (2).

s. 21. (2); Hazardous substances

21. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all hazardous substances used by staff of the home or under their control are labelled properly and are kept inaccessible to residents at all times.

s. 22. (3); Risk of falls

22. (3) If a resident of a retirement home falls in the home in circumstances other than those described in subsection (2) and the licensee or a staff member becomes aware of the fall, the licensee shall ensure that the licensee or a staff member documents the fall, the response to the fall and the corrective actions taken, if any.

s. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general

24. (4) The licensee shall keep current all arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

s. 27. (5); Infection prevention and control program

27. (5) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that,

s. 27. (5), (0.a)

(0.a) any guidance, advice or recommendations given to retirement homes by the Chief Medical Officer of Health are followed in the retirement home;

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 1

1. The complaint shall be investigated. If the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 2

2. The complaint shall be resolved if possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 4 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 3

3. For those complaints that cannot be investigated and resolved within 10 business days, an acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint shall be provided within 10 business days of receipt of the complaint, including the date by which the complainant can reasonably expect a resolution, and a follow-up response that complies with paragraph 4 shall be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.

NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the RHRA and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the *RHA* requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Retirement Home Database available online at <http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database>.

Signature of Inspector <i>Angela Newman</i>	Date October 17, 2023
--	--------------------------