

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

Inspection Information		
Date of Inspection: July 8, 2014	Name of Inspector: Debbie Rydall	
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection		
Licensee: 2249000 Ontario Ltd. / 4 Partridge Lane, Scarborough, ON M1T 3C6 (the "Licensee")		
Retirement Home: Bethseda Home / 4 Partridge Lane, Scarborough, ON M1T 3C6 (the "home")		
Licence Number: T0290		

# **Purpose of Inspection**

The RHRA conducts routine inspections as set out in section 77(3) of the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* (the "RHA").

# **NON-COMPLIANCE**

# 1. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 54; Contents.

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

**54. (2)** The package of information shall include, at a minimum,

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

(b) a statement that, if the retirement home also falls within the meaning of a care home as defined in the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, nothing in this Act overrides or affects the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 that would otherwise apply with respect to the home as a care home;

(c) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

(d) the licensee's procedure for complaints mentioned in subsection 73 (1);

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

(f) the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the licensee;

(g) information about the role of the Authority and its contact information;

(h) information about the Residents' Council, including any information that the Residents' Council provides for inclusion in the package;

(i) an explanation of the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

(j) information relating to the contents of the written agreement that section 53 requires each of the residents and the licensee to make;

(k) an itemized list of the different types of accommodation and care services provided in the retirement home and their prices;



(I) a statement that a resident may purchase or apply for care services, other services, programs or goods from external care providers;

(m) information about the licensee's process for assisting residents to purchase or apply for care services and other services, programs or goods from external providers;

(n) information regarding the rights of residents if the licensee chooses to reduce or discontinue the care services that the licensee provides to residents;

(o) disclosure of any non-arm's length relationships that exist between the licensee and external care providers;

(p) contact information for the community care access corporation approved as an agency under subsection 5 (1) of the Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994 for the area in which the retirement home is located;

(q) information relating to the assessments required to prepare a plan of care, including a resident's right to apply for publicly funded assessments;

(r) information about the licensee's process for assisting a resident in his or her transition to a long-term care home or other place of residence;

(s) information as to whether the retirement home has automatic sprinklers in each resident's room;

(t) information relating to staffing, including night time staffing levels and qualifications of staff of the retirement home;

(u) a statement as to whether the retirement home is required under subsection 60 (2) to have a resident-staff communication and response system and whether the home has such a system and, if so, details of the system;

#### **Inspection Finding**

The Licensee confirmed that the home does not provide an information package as is required by the legislation.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee.

Warning Letter issued.

 The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 60; Safety plans. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 24; Emergency plan, general. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 26; Emergency plan, retirement home with 10 or fewer residents.

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

**<u>60. (4)</u>** Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that the following are in place for the home:

1. An emergency plan that responds to emergencies in the home or in the community in which the home is located and that meets the prescribed requirements.

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

# 24. (5) The licensee shall,

(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,

(i) the loss of essential services,

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

(iii) medical emergencies,

(iv) violent outbursts;

(c) keep a written record of the testing of the emergency plan and planned evacuations and of any changes made to improve the emergency plan.

<u>26.</u> The emergency plan for a retirement home that has 10 or fewer residents shall, in addition to the requirements in section 24, meet the following requirements:

1. The plan shall be developed in consultation with the relevant community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

2. The plan shall identify and address hazards and risks that may give rise to an emergency affecting the home.

3. The plan shall include steps in the evacuation of the home, including a system in the home to account for the whereabouts of all residents in the event that it is necessary to evacuate and relocate residents and evacuate staff and others in case of an emergency.

4. The plan shall require that resources, supplies and equipment vital for the emergency response are set aside, readily available at the home and tested regularly to ensure that they are in working order.

5. The plan shall identify the relevant community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

6. The licensee shall ensure that the plan is updated at least annually and that the updating includes contact information for the relevant community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

#### Inspection Finding

The home does not have an emergency plan in place as is required by the legislation and there was no documented evidence to support that the home had completed any of the required annual testing relating to emergency situations as defined by the legislation.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 60; Safety plans.
The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 27; Infection prevention and control program.

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



<u>60. (4)</u> Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that the following are in place for the home:2. An infection prevention and control program that meets the prescribed requirements.

**27. (4)** The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that a written surveillance protocol is established in consultation with the local medical officer of health or designate in order to identify, document and monitor residents who report symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal illness.

**<u>27. (9)</u>** 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,

(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;

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

# Inspection Finding

There was no evidence provided that the home has an Infection Prevention and Control program in place and there was no evidence to support that a surveillance protocol has been established. The Licensee stated that staff have received training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission; however there was no documented evidence to support that staff had received the required training.

# Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

4. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 43; Initial assessment of care needs. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 44; Full assessment of care needs.

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

**43. (1)** Subject to section 45, no later than two days after a resident commences residency in a retirement home, the licensee of the home shall ensure that an initial assessment of the resident's immediate care needs is conducted.

**<u>43. (2)</u>** The initial assessment mentioned in subsection (1) shall consider the following matters with respect to the resident:

- 1. Continence.
- 2. Presence of infectious diseases.
- 3. Risk of falling.
- 4. Known allergies.
- 5. Dietary needs including known food restrictions.
- 6. Cognitive ability.
- 7. Risk of harm to self and to others.
- 8. Risk of wandering.



9. Needs related to drugs and other substances.

**<u>44. (1)</u>** Subject to section 46, no later than 14 days after a resident commences residency in a retirement home, the licensee shall ensure that a full assessment of the resident's care needs and preferences is conducted.

**<u>44. (2)</u>** The full assessment mentioned in subsection (1) shall consider the following matters with respect to the resident:

- 1. Physical and mental health.
- 2. Functional capacity.
- 3. Cognitive ability.
- 4. Behavioural issues.
- 5. Need for care services.
- 6. Need for assistance with the activities of daily living.
- 7. The matters listed in subsection 43 (2).
- 8. Any other matter relevant to developing a plan of care for the resident.

#### **Inspection Finding**

The Licensee stated that they complete resident assessments prior to move in; however there was no documented evidence to support that the initial and full assessments were completed as per the legislative requirements.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

5. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 65; Training.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 65; Additional training for direct care staff.

The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 14; Staff training.

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

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

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

(b) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

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

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

(f) fire prevention and safety;

**65. (5)** The licensee shall ensure that all staff who provide care services to residents receive training in the following matters and at the times required by the regulations, as a condition of continuing to have contact with residents, in addition to the other training that they are required to receive under this section:

3. Behaviour management.

**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.

# **Inspection Finding**

The Licensee stated that they had provided informal training to staff; however there was no documented evidence provided to support that staff had received the required training.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 67; Contents.
The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 15; Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect.

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

**67. (5)** At a minimum, the policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents shall, (a) clearly set out what constitutes abuse and neglect;

**<u>15. (1)</u>** The program for preventing abuse and neglect described in clause 67 (5) (c) of the Act shall entail training and retraining requirements for all staff of the retirement home, including,

(a) training on the relationship between power imbalances between staff and residents and the potential for abuse and neglect by those in a position of trust, power and responsibility for resident care;

(b) situations that may lead to abuse and neglect and how to avoid such situations.

**15. (2)** The procedures for investigating and responding to alleged, suspected or witnessed abuse and neglect of residents described in clause 67 (5) (e) of the Act shall include details outlining who will undertake the investigation and who will be informed of the investigation.

**<u>15. (3)</u>** The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

(a) contain procedures and interventions to assist and support residents who have been abused or neglected or allegedly abused or neglected;

(b) contain procedures and interventions to deal with persons who have abused or neglected or allegedly abused or neglected residents, as appropriate;

(c) identify measures and strategies to prevent abuse and neglect;

(d) provide that the licensee of the retirement home shall ensure that the resident's substitute decision-makers, if any, and any other person specified by the resident, (i) are notified immediately upon the licensee becoming aware of an alleged, suspected or witnessed incident of abuse or neglect of a resident that has resulted in a physical injury or pain to a resident or that causes distress to a resident that could potentially be detrimental to a resident's health or well-being, (ii) are notified within 12 hours upon the licensee becoming aware of any other alleged, suspected or witnessed incident of abuse or neglect of a resident; (e) provide that the licensee of the retirement home shall ensure that the resident and the resident's substitute decision-makers, if any, are notified of the results of an investigation described in clause 67 (5) (e) of the Act immediately upon the completion of the investigation; (f) provide that the licensee of the retirement home shall ensure that the appropriate police force is immediately notified of any alleged, suspected or witnessed incident of abuse or neglect of a resident that the licensee suspects may constitute a criminal offence; (g) provide that the licensee of the retirement home shall ensure that, (i) an analysis of every incident of abuse or neglect of a resident at the home is undertaken promptly after the licensee becomes aware of it,

(ii) at least once in every calendar year, an evaluation is made to determine the effectiveness of the policy and what changes and improvements are required to prevent further occurrences of abuse and neglect of residents,

(iii) the results of the analysis undertaken under subclause (i) are considered in the evaluation mentioned in subclause (ii),

(iv) the changes and improvements mentioned in subclause (ii) are promptly implemented,

(v) a written record of everything provided for in subclauses (ii) and (iv) and the date of the evaluation, the names of the persons who participated in the evaluation and the date that the changes and improvements were implemented is promptly prepared.

# **Inspection Finding**

The home has a prevention of abuse and neglect policy in place; however the current policy is not aligned with the legislative requirements.

# Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

7. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 73; Procedure for complaints to licensee.

The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 59; Procedure for complaints to licensee.

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

**73. (1)** Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written procedure for a person to complain to the licensee about the operation of the home and for the way in which the licensee is required to deal with complaints.

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

(a) the nature of each verbal or written complaint;

(b) the date that the complaint was received;

(c) the type of action taken to resolve the complaint, including the date of the action, time frames for actions to be taken and any follow-up action required;

(d) the final resolution, if any, of the complaint;

(e) every date on which any response was provided to the complainant and a description of the response;

(f) any response made in turn by the complainant.

#### **Inspection Finding**

The home does not have a written procedure in place for a person to complain to the Licensee as is required by the legislation. The home does not currently keep a written record of any complaints made to the Licensee as is required by the legislation.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee. Warning Letter issued.

# 8. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 22; Risk of falls.

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

**22. (1)** Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop, document and implement strategies to reduce or mitigate the risk of falls in common areas of the home.

#### Inspection Finding

The home has not developed, documented or implemented a strategy to reduce or mitigate the risk of falls in common areas of the home as required by the legislation.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee.

Warning Letter issued.

#### 9. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 23; Behaviour management.

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

**23. (1)** Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop and implement a written behaviour management strategy that includes,

(a) techniques to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;



(b) strategies for interventions to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

(c) strategies for monitoring residents that have demonstrated behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

(d) protocols for how staff and volunteers shall report and be informed of resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home.

# **Inspection Finding**

The home does not have a behaviour management strategy in place as is required by the legislation.

#### Outcome

Corrective action required by the Licensee.

Warning Letter issued.



# NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (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 Public Register, available online at <u>http://rhra.ca/en/register/</u>

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