RHRA Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: July 7, 2015	**Name of Inspector:** Susan Lines
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection	
Licensee: 480 Metcalfe Street (Ottawa) LP / 20 Toronto Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2B8 (the "Licensee")	
Retirement Home: The Palisades Retirement Residence / 480 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, ON K1S 3N6 (the "home")	
Licence Number: N0191	

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, (c) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents; (k) an itemized list of the different types of accommodation and care services provided in the retirement home and their prices; (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;
Inspection Finding The home's information package did not include an adequate abuse policy or clear information about whether the home had sprinklers or not. The package did not include a list of accommodation, all the care services the home offered or their applicable fees. The package did not include consistent information about staffing information and minimum staffing levels at night.
Outcome Corrective action scheduled to be taken by August 15, 2015 by the Licensee.

2. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 53; Agreement required.

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

53. (1) The licensee of a retirement home shall enter into a written agreement with every resident of the home before the resident commences residency in the home.

Inspection Finding

There was no evidence that one resident had signed a residency agreement prior to moving into the home.

Outcome

Corrective action taken by the Licensee.

3. 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. 25; Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents.

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

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.

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;

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

(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.

25. (2) The licensee shall ensure that the development of the emergency plan includes,

(a) consultation with the relevant community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency;

(b) identification of hazards and risks that may give rise to an emergency affecting the home, whether the hazards and risks arise within the home or in the surrounding vicinity or community, and strategies to address those hazards and risks.

25. (3) The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plan provides for the following:

2. Evacuation of the retirement 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.

3. Resources, supplies and equipment vital for the emergency response being set aside and readily available at the retirement home and regular testing of all such resources, supplies and equipment to ensure that they are in working order.

25. (5) The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plan for the retirement home is evaluated and 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

There was no evidence that the home had conducted annual testing or an evacuation of the home as required. There was no evidence of current arrangements or consultation with community agencies and partners as required. The home's evacuation plan did not specify how the home would account for residents and there was no evidence that resources, supplies and equipment vital for emergency response had been set aside or regularly tested. The home's emergency plan had not been adequately evaluated or updated.

Outcome

Corrective action scheduled to be taken by August 31, 2015 by the Licensee.

4. 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.
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):

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;

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

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

(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.

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,

(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

The home's records showed that three out of five staff had not been trained on the home's Complaints procedure, Infection control, the Residents' Bill of Rights, the home's Abuse policy, the home's PASD policy or fire prevention and safety. There was no evidence that one out of three staff had been trained on the home's behaviour management strategy as required.

Outcome

Corrective action scheduled to be taken by September 15, 2015 by the Licensee.

5. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 55; Contents of records.

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

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

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

Inspection Finding

The home did not maintain adequate records of their training of the staff who worked in the home.

Outcome

Corrective action scheduled to be taken by September 15, 2015 by the Licensee.

6. 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):

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:

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.

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

(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;

Inspection Finding

The home's Complaints procedure did not provide for the immediate investigation of complaints involving harm or risk of harm. The home's written record of complaints did not meet the requirements.

Outcome

Corrective action scheduled to be taken by August 31, 2015 by the Licensee.

7. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 20; Food preparation.

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

20. (4) The licensee shall ensure that whenever food is prepared in the retirement home, at least one person involved in preparing the food holds a current certificate in food handling from the local public health unit or has recently successfully completed a food handling training program equivalent to that offered by public health units.

Inspection Finding

There was no evidence that four of the home's staff had current food handling training when they required it.

Outcome

Corrective action scheduled to be taken by September 15, 2015 by the Licensee.

8. 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,

(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's Behaviour management strategy did not meet the requirement.

Outcome
Corrective action taken by the Licensee.

9. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 30; Storage of drugs or other substances.

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

30. If drugs or other substances are stored in a retirement home on behalf of a resident, the licensee of the home shall ensure that,

(a) the drugs or other substances are stored in an area or a medication cart that,

(ii) is locked and secure,

Inspection Finding
Medications were stored in an unlocked fridge in room that was not secured or supervised.

Outcome
Corrective action taken by the Licensee.

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 http://rhra.ca/en/register/

Signature of Inspector	Date
	July 30, 2015