

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information		
Date of Inspection: 6/7/2023	Name of Inspector: Shyla Sittampalam, RN	
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection		
Licensee: ACC-002853 - A Better Way Retirement Home Corp.		
Retirement Home: A Better Way Retirement Home Corp.		
License Number: T0474		

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

The inspector found evidence through documentation in the Home that an incident of resident to resident abuse occurred and had not been reported to the RHRA. The Licensee failed to ensure that the incident was reported as required. In addition, the inspector found evidence that the Home was aware of the incident, however failed to follow the Licensee's policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect. Specifically the Home failed to notify the local police of the allegations, and failed to commence an investigation into the allegation as required by their zero tolerance of abuse policy. The Licensee did not ensure their zero tolerance of abuse policy was complied with fully.

Outcome

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #2: Behaviour Management and Dementia Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

At the time of the inspection, the inspector was informed by the Home regarding a resident who displayed physically aggressive behaviour which posed a risk of harm to the resident and others. The inspector reviewed the Licensee's behaviour management strategy and found that the Licensee had not implemented any behaviour management strategies for the resident.

Outcome

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #3: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and found that the reviewed care plans did not include the care services the resident is entitled to receive under the resident's agreement and did not include goals, details and clear direction to staff for all the care services provided to the residents.

Outcome

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

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.

Not Applicable

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. 23. (1); Behaviour management

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

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

s. 23. (1), (a)

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

s. 23. (1), (b)

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

s. 23. (1), (c)

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

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62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

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

s. 62. (4), (a)

(a) the care services that are part of a package of care services that the resident is entitled to receive under the resident's agreement with the licensee, whether or not the resident receives the services;

s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

s. 62. (4), (b), 1.

(i) the details of the services,

s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

s. 62. (4), (b), 2.

(ii) the goals that the services are intended to achieve,

s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

s. 62. (4), (b), 3.

(iii) clear directions to the licensee's staff who provide direct care to the resident;

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

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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.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 75. (1); Reporting certain matters to Registrar

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75. (1) A person who has reasonable grounds to suspect that any of the following has occurred or may occur shall immediately report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based to the Registrar:

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

s. 75. (1), para. 2

2. Abuse of a resident by anyone or neglect of a resident by the licensee or the staff of the retirement home of the resident if it results in harm or a risk of harm to the resident.

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.

Not Applicable

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 RN	Date June 26, 2023
	Julie 20, 2023