

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information		
Date of Inspection: July 17, 2023	Name of Inspector: Tania Buko	
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection		
Licensee: ACC-003034 - 2861717 Ontario Inc.		
Retirement Home: Grand River Estates		
License Number: S0535		

## **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: Behaviour Management and Dementia Care

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The Inspector interviewed staff and reviewed resident care files and the Licensee's behaviour management policy and found that while some strategies and interventions had been developed and documented to prevent and address behaviours of a resident that pose a risk of harm to other residents in the home, not all were current or effective, triggers were not addressed and none were documented in the resident's plan of care as per the Licensee's behaviour management policy. Further, there was insufficient evidence to support that strategies for monitoring the resident were developed. implemented and documented in the resident's plan of care. In addition, there was a lack of evidence to support that heightened monitoring was initiated following an incident of alleged abuse from the resident.

#### Outcome

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.

#### Focus Area #2: Medications

### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The Inspector made observations during the inspection and observed a medication cart in the dining room that was unlocked and unsupervised by staff. The Licensee failed to ensure medications are locked and secured including controlled substances that are to be double locked.

#### Outcome

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.

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

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The Inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and interviewed staff and found that there were no clear directions to staff for the provision of assistance with bathing and/or continence care, personal hygiene and dressing for two residents. In addition, half of the resident plans of care reviewed had not been approved by a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or someone working under their supervision.

#### Outcome

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.

### Focus Area #4: Staff Training

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

As part of the inspection, the Inspector reviewed staff training records and resident medication administration records and interviewed staff. It was found that a staff member had not completed training in the home's procedures related to medication administration. The Inspector confirmed that the Licensee failed to ensure all staff who administer medications to the residents in the home have completed the required training.

#### Outcome

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.

## **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. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

## s. 29. (c)

(c) neither the licensee nor a staff member administers a drug to a resident in the home unless the licensee or the staff member has received training in the procedures applicable to the administration of the drug;

# s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

## s. 29. (e), 1.

(i) ways of reducing the incidence of infectious disease, including maintaining proper hand hygiene,

## s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

#### s. 29. (e), 2.

(ii) the safe disposal of syringes and other sharps,

## s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

#### s. 29. (e), 3.

(iii) recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action;

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 30.; Storage of drugs or other substances

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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,

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

#### s. 30. (a)

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

## s. 30. (a), 2.

(ii) is locked and secure,

#### s. 30. (b)

(b) controlled substances as defined in the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada) are stored in a separate, double-locked stationary cupboard in the locked area or stored in a separate locked area within the locked medication cart;

## 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), (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. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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62. (9) The licensee shall ensure that the following persons have approved the plan of care, including any revisions to it, and that a copy is provided to them:

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

# s. 62. (9), para. 2

2. The prescribed person if there is a person prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph.

## **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 <a href="http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database">http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database</a>.

Signature of Inspector	Date
Tania Buko	August 9, 2023