

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: June 28, 2023 Name of Inspector: Jennifer Sarkis

Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report

Licensee: ACC-002947 - LP Hamilton Holdings Inc.

Retirement Home: Valley Town Residence

License Number: S0515

About Responsive Inspections

A responsive inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. A responsive inspection is conducted when RHRA receives information that the licensee may have failed to meet the standards of the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* or its regulations (the "*RHA*"). An inspection being conducted does not infer that an allegation is substantiated or that a contravention of the RHA has occurred. A licensee is required to report to RHRA if they suspect harm or risk of harm to a resident. During a responsive inspection, an RHRA inspector may observe the operations of the home, interview relevant individuals, review records and other documentation, and determine whether the licensee's management and staff have followed mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a responsive 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 there is a serious incident or the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Concern(s)

During a responsive inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on the concern(s) which prompted the inspection and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the concern(s). Any findings of non-

Concern #1: CON-5727-Neglect

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to RHRA regarding the alleged neglect of a resident who sustained a fall with injury, and concerns related to food, care and supplies within the home. As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed the Licensee's policies and procedures related to abuse and neglect, staff training records, the resident's care file, observed meal service and food preparation areas, and interviewed staff. The inspector found that the Licensee had failed to ensure that monitoring of this resident every thirty minutes was completed, as per their plan of care and heightened monitoring, before and after the fall. The resident sustained a fall with injury, and as a result required medical care at the hospital. There is no evidence to support the staff who was on shift was notified the resident required 30 minute monitoring throughout their shift. Additionally, the incident was not reported to the RHRA, as required. As a result, the Licensee's inactions of monitoring the resident as per their plan, jeopardized the health and safety of the resident, thus resulting in the Licensee failing to protect the resident from neglect.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

Additional Findings

During a responsive inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the concern(s) which prompted the inspection. 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: CON-6387-Food Handlers' Certificate

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Outcome

At the time of the inspection, the Licensee was not in compliance. The home has since taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

Current Inspection – Citations

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 20. (4); Food preparation

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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.

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

s. 20. (4), (a)

(a) holds a current certificate in food handler training from a local board of health or an agency of the board of health;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (10); Compliance with plan

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62. (10) The licensee shall ensure that the care services that the licensee provides to the resident are set out in the plan of care and are provided to the resident in accordance with the plan and the prescribed requirements, if any.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 67. (2); Same, neglect

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67. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that the licensee and the staff of the home do not neglect the residents.

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.

