

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: December 21, 2023	Name of Inspector: Melissa Meikle
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report	
Licensee: ACC-002783 - Symphony Senior Living Ottawa LP	
Retirement Home: Forest Valley Terrace By Symphony	
License Number: N0273	

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-compliance identified in relation to these concerns are listed below.

Concern #1: CON-7321-Abuse

RHRA Inspector Findings

The Licensee reported to RHRA that an incident of resident-to-resident abuse had occurred. As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed the Licensee's care policies and procedures, staff training records and the residents' care files. The inspector found that the Licensee failed to ensure that full assessments and plans of care were completed for either resident.

Furthermore, the Licensee did not develop behaviour management techniques, strategies and monitoring for these residents. As a result of not completing full assessments, plans of care and not developing nor implementing written behaviour strategies, the Licensee failed to protect a resident from abuse causing harm and that may have contributed to the resident's death.

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 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-7514-Improper or Incompetent Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

While conducting this inspection, the inspector made a finding unrelated to the purpose of the inspection. The inspector reviewed care files of a resident related to an anonymous concern that was received and found that residents did not have their plans of care approved appropriately, as there was no evidence that the plans had been approved by the residents or their substitute decision makers. The Licensee failed to ensure that all resident plans of care had been approved as required.

Outcome

The Licensee must take 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. 67. (1); Protection against abuse and neglect

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67. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall protect residents of the home from abuse by anyone.

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.

Ontario Regulation 166/11:

s. 23. (1); Behaviour management

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

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); Behaviour management

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

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); Behaviour management

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

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;

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 	Date January 29, 2024
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