

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: February 05, 2024	Name of Inspector: Mark Dennis
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Complaint	
Licensee: ACC-002946 - The Royale GP Corporation	
Retirement Home: Aspira Waterford Barrie Retirement Living	
License Number: N0471	

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-7877-Medication Administration

RHRA Inspector Findings

The RHRA conducted an inspection in response to medications being improperly administered to a resident. The Inspector reviewed home documentation and conducted interviews of staff and family. There is a requirement that staff shall comply with directions provided within a residents plan of care. The inspection showed that staff had administered medications to two residents, but not in accordance with the plan of care. Further, there is a required that controlled substances must be stored in a separate , double locked stationary cupboard in the locked area or stored in a separate locked area located within the medication cart. The Inspection showed staff left a controlled substance unattended and not secured in a residents room. Lastly, there is a requirement that the home shall develop and implement a medication administration system, that includes policy and procedures to administer medications. The home had a medication administration policy that included procedures for staff to observe residents swallow their medications. The inspection showed staff left resident medications unattended in a common area of the home, demonstrating that staff failed to ensure the resident took their medications. The Licensee failed to comply with the residents plan of care, failed to store and secure a controlled substance as prescribed and failed to follow the homes medication management system.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Fri Mar 15 2024. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Concern #2: CON-7883-Complaints Procedure

RHRA Inspector Findings

The RHRA conducted an inspection, in response to an allegation that a complaint was made to the home regarding medication administration and the home had taken no action. The Inspector interviewed staff , the residents family and reviewed home documentation. There is a requirement that should a home receive a written complaint, that complaint must be investigated and resolved within 10 business days. If the complaint can not be resolved within that time, an acknowledgement must be sent to the complainant, advising of a date that is reasonable to expect a resolution. Further, the home must provide details of what has been done to resolve the complaint. The inspection showed a complaint was received by the home, but the home failed to meet the prescribed requirements after the complaint had been received.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Tue Mar 05 2024. 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.

Not Applicable

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. 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. (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. 31. (1); Medication management system

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31. (1) 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 establish a medication management system, which includes written policies and procedures, to ensure that all drugs and other substances to be administered to residents of the home are acquired, received in the home, stored, dispensed, administered, destroyed and disposed of correctly as required by law and in accordance with prevailing practices.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

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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:

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

s. 59. (1), para. 2

2. The complaint shall be resolved if possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 4 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint.

s. 59. (1), para. 3

3. For those complaints that cannot be investigated and resolved within 10 business days, an acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint shall be provided within 10 business days of receipt of the complaint, including the date by which the complainant can reasonably expect a resolution, and a follow-up response that complies with paragraph 4 shall be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.

s. 59. (1), para. 4

4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,

s. 59. (1), para. 4, 1.

i. what the licensee has done to resolve the complaint,

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.

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 	Date March 01, 2024
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