

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

**Inspection Information** 

Date of Inspection: 6/11/2024 Name of Inspector: Angela Butler

**Inspection Type:** Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report

Licensee: ACC-003175 - 2868928 ONTARIO INC.

**Retirement Home: Trillium Norwich** 

**License Number: S0539** 

# **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 imply 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 relation to the concern(s). Any findings of non-compliance identified in relation to these concerns are listed below.

# Concern #1: CON-9251-Medication Administration

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

A report was made to RHRA regarding medication administration. As part of the inspection, in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed the licensee's policy, medication administration records, observed a medication pass, reviewed staff training records, and interviewed relevant staff. The inspector found that staff were trained in medication administration but there was no evidence the home had a member of a college supervising medication administration in the home. The Licensee failed to ensure a member of a College, as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, supervised medication administration.

#### Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

# Concern #2: CON-9252-Improper or Incompetent Treatment or Care

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

A report was made to RHRA regarding suspected improper care of a resident. As part of the inspection in response to the report, the inspector reviewed records relating to the resident, and interviewed both the resident and their substitute decision maker. The inspector confirmed that the Licensee failed to ensure that the resident who had a decline in their health had their plan of care updated as their care needs changed.

#### 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 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-1113-Emergency Plan

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

While conducting this inspection, the Inspector followed up on areas of previous non-compliance relating to emergency plans and procedures. The Inspector reviewed related documents and interviewed staff and again found several areas of non-compliance. Specifically, the Licensee failed to ensure arrangements for accommodation and transportation were in place with community partners involved in responding to emergencies at the home and failed to ensure testing for situations involving the loss of essential services, missing residents, and the Licensee's Pandemic and Epidemic Plan.

#### **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.

# **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. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general

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24. (4) The licensee shall keep current all arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

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24. (5) The licensee shall,

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

#### s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

# s. 24. (5), (a), 1.

(i) the loss of essential services,

# s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

#### s. 24. (5), (a), 2.

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

#### s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

#### s. 24. (5), (a), 3.1

(iii.1) epidemics and pandemics,

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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

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. (d)

(d) a member of a College, as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, supervises the administration of the drug or other substance to the resident in the home;

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

#### s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

62. (12) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

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

#### s. 62. (12), (b)

(b) the resident's care needs change or the care services set out in the plan are no longer necessary;

# **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.

### **Retirement Homes Act, 2010:**

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

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:

## s. 62. (9), para. 1

1. The resident or the resident's substitute decision-maker.

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

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:

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

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

## **Ontario Regulation 166/11:**

# s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

#### s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

# s. 24. (5), (a), 3.

(iii) medical emergencies,

# s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

#### s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

#### s. 24. (5), (a), 4.

(iv) violent outbursts;

# s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

# s. 24. (5), (b)

(b) at least once every two years, conduct a planned evacuation of the retirement home;

## s. 25. (3); Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents

25. (3) The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plan provides for the following:

## s. 25. (3), para. 1

1. Dealing with,

# s. 25. (3), para. 1, 5.1

v.1 epidemics and pandemics,

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

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,

# 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.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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,

## 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.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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,

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

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,

## 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;

# **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 Chapele Scular RN	Date July 9, 2024
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