

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: September 11, 2024	Name of Inspector: Georges Gauthier
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report	
Licensee: ACC-009355 - Country View Care	
Retirement Home: Country View Care	
License Number: N01514	

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-1985-Abuse

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to RHRA regarding the alleged financial abuse of residents. As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed the Licensee's care policies and procedures, resident records, and interviewed relevant residents and staff. The inspector found that at times, the Licensee did not or did not properly provide residents with notice related to increases in payments, improperly took increased payments before the end of the notice period, and for some residents had obtained bank cards and personal identification numbers (PINs) to collect increased payments leading to at least one resident not having money in place for other expenses. The Licensee failed to protect the resident from financial abuse.

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.

Concern #2: CON-1986-Falls

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to the RHRA that a resident had a fall in the common area of the home while in company of a staff member and had to be transferred to hospital. The inspector interviewed witnesses and reviewed the Licensee's falls strategy and documentation relating to the fall. The inspector found that the Licensee had failed to implement the Licensee's falls strategy, did not have any record of any falls, did not document the reported fall, and did not document the response to the fall along with any corrective actions taken.

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.

Concern #3: CON-1989-Food

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to the RHRA about meals in the home. The inspector reviewed the Licensee's menu, reviewed staff communications, made observations, and interviewed staff. The established menu was not being followed and did not show alternate entrees. Further, the menu and meals observed were not in line with the Canada Food Guide. Furthermore, residents were not being made aware of their daily and weekly menu options. In addition, there was not always one staff member involved with the preparation of meals that had a current certificate in food handler training. The Licensee failed to fully address the requirements for the provision of meals.

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.

Concern #4: CON-2391-Training**RHRA Inspector Findings**

A report was made to the RHRA regarding the training of staff. The inspector reviewed training records and spoke to staff. The evidence showed that two new staff and one previously hired staff had no evidence of training in the required areas. Further, the evidence of training in the area of medication administration did not demonstrate compliance. The Licensee failed to ensure the training requirements had been met.

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.

Concern #5: CON-2392-Consumer Protection**RHRA Inspector Findings**

A report was made to the RHRA indicating that the required background checks for new staff had not completed. The inspector requested staff records and evidence of compliance for the requirements related to background checks. There were no records to show compliance. The Licensee failed to ensure compliance with the background check requirements.

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.

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. 14. (1); Staff training**s. 14. (1); Staff training**

14. (1) For the purposes of clause 65 (2) (j) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all staff who work in the home receive training in the procedure described in subsection 73 (1) of the Act for a person to complain to the licensee.

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. 22. (1); Risk of falls

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22. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop, document and implement strategies to reduce or mitigate the risk of falls in common areas of the home.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 22. (2); Risk of falls

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22. (2) If a resident of a retirement home falls in a common area of the home or while being assisted by the licensee or staff, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

s. 22. (2), (c)

(c) the licensee or a staff member documents the fall, the response to the fall and the corrective actions taken, if any.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 22. (4); Risk of falls

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22. (4) Every licensee of a retirement home shall keep a written record of all falls for which the licensee is required to ensure documentation under subsection (2) or (3) and that occur in each year, evaluate the risk of falls in the home at least annually and keep a written record of each evaluation.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

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27. (9) The licensee shall ensure that each staff member who works in the retirement home receives training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission, including,

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

s. 27. (9), (a)

(a) the need for and method of maintaining proper hand hygiene and method of preventing cross contamination, including proper handling of soiled linens, the protection of uniforms, and the separation of clean and dirty items;

s. 27. (9), (b)

(b) the need for and process of reporting, providing surveillance of and documenting incidents of infectious illness.

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. 40.; Provision of a meal

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40. 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 provision of a meal, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

s. 40. (b)

(b) menus provide adequate nutrients, fibre and energy for the resident, include fresh seasonal foods and are consistent with standards of good nutrition in Canada;

s. 40. (e)

(e) the menu includes alternative entrée choices at each meal;

s. 40. (g)

(g) the resident is informed of his or her daily and weekly menu options;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 55. (5); Contents of records

s. 55. (5); Contents of records

55. (5) A licensee of a retirement home shall keep records proving compliance with the Act and this Regulation in relation to,

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

s. 55. (5), (c)

(c) the skills, qualifications and training of the staff who work in the home;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 64. (2); Police background checks

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64. (2) The screening measures shall include a police background check as defined in the regulations, unless the person being screened is under 18 years of age.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (2); Training

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65. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that no staff work in the home unless they have received training in,

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

s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

s. 65. (2), (b)

(b) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

s. 65. (2), (c)

(c) the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

s. 65. (2), (d)

(d) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 68 (3) regarding the use of personal assistance services devices for residents;

s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

s. 65. (2), (g)

(g) the licensee's emergency evacuation plan for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (3);

s. 65. (2), (h)

(h) the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4);

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

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65. (5) The licensee shall ensure that all staff who provide care services to residents receive training in the following matters and at the times required by the regulations, as a condition of continuing to have contact with residents, in addition to the other training that they are required to receive under this section:

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

s. 65. (5), para. 3

3. Behaviour management.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 67. (1); Protection against abuse and neglect

s. 67. (1); Protection against abuse and neglect

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.

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 October 7, 2024
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