

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

**Inspection Information** 

Date of Inspection: November 6, 2024 Name of Inspector: Tania Buko

**Inspection Type:** Routine Inspection

Licensee: ACC-002693 - Lutheran Homes Kitchener-Waterloo

**Retirement Home: Trinity Village Studios** 

**License Number: T0008** 

## **About Routine Inspections**

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee's management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine 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 the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

### **Focus Areas**

During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.

Focus Area #1: Behaviour Management

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

As part of the routine inspection, the Inspector reviewed the Licensee's policies, resident care files and interviewed staff. The Inspector found there are two residents whose behaviours posed a risk to others and the Licensee was unable to demonstrate there are sufficient strategies and interventions developed, implemented and documented to prevent the resident's behaviours and that there are developed, implemented and documented strategies to monitor one of the residents. The Licensee failed to fully follow the directives of their behaviour management policy and the prescribed legislation.

#### **Outcome**

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

## Focus Area #2: Emergency Plan

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

As part of the routine inspection, the Inspector reviewed the Licensee's records of testing for their emergency plan and interviewed staff. It was found that the Licensee failed to complete testing for situations involving missing residents every 12 months as required.

#### **Outcome**

The Licensee has demonstrated it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

## Focus Area #3: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

# **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The Inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files as part of the inspection and interviewed staff and found the Licensee was non-compliant in the following areas. Firstly, the Licensee was unable to demonstrate that interdisciplinary care conferences were completed for three residents whose care needs included dementia care. Secondly, there are insufficient directions to staff for providing the care services of assistance with dressing, ambulation, and bathing for a resident. Lastly, the Licensee failed to ensure the needs/strategies to mitigate falls were sufficiently documented for two residents who are at risk for falls in their respective plans of care.

## 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.

#### Focus Area #4: Staff Training

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed a sample of training records for new staff and found that the Licensee was unable to demonstrate one staff had completed training in the areas of Resident Bill of Rights, Infection Prevention and control, Whistle Blower protection, Fire Prevention and Safety, the Home's Evacuation Plan and the Licensee's polices in Zero Tolerance of Abuse and Neglect, Complaints and Personal Assistance Service Devices prior to working in the home and the Licensee failed to ensure that staff member also completed training in Behaviour Management within six months of hire. In addition, the Licensee failed to ensure another new staff completed training in each of the care services offered by the Home within six months of hire.

#### Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

## **Additional Findings**

During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. 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 Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (1); Staff training

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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. 14. (3); Staff training

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14. (3) For the purposes of paragraph 5 of subsection 65 (5) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every staff member who provides a care service to a resident has received or receives training in,

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

#### s. 14. (3), (b)

(b) each care service offered in the home so that the staff member is able to understand the general nature of each of those services, the standards applicable under the Act to each of those services and the aspects of each of those services that may be relevant to the staff member's own duties in the home.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 23. (1); Behaviour management

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

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

#### 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), (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), (c)

(c) strategies for monitoring residents that have demonstrated behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

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

## s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

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. 47. (5); Development of plan of care

## s. 47. (5); Development of plan of care

47. (5) If an assessment of a resident indicates that the resident's care needs may include dementia care, skin and wound care or the use of a personal assistance services device, the licensee shall ensure that an interdisciplinary care conference is held as part of the development of the resident's plan of care and that the resident's plan of care takes into account the results of the care conference.

## The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

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62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

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

#### s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

#### s. 62. (4), (b), 3.

(iii) clear directions to the licensee's staff who provide direct care to the resident;

## The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (6); Assessment of resident

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62. (6) The licensee shall ensure that the plan of care is based on an assessment of the resident and the needs and preferences of the resident.

### 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

## s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

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.

#### **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. (1); Plan of care

62. (1) When a resident commences his or her residency in a retirement home, the licensee shall, within the prescribed times, ensure that the resident is assessed and that a plan of care is developed based on the assessment and in accordance with this section and the regulations.

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

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

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.

## 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), 2.

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

## 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,

(iii.1) epidemics and pandemics.

## **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	Date
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