

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

| Inspection Information                    |                                   |  |  |  |
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| Date of Inspection: May 28, 2025          | Name of Inspector: Melissa Meikle |  |  |  |
| Inspection Type: Routine Inspection       |                                   |  |  |  |
| Licensee: ACC-003276 - Alavida Lifestyles |                                   |  |  |  |
| Retirement Home: Les Promenades           |                                   |  |  |  |
| License Number: N0143                     |                                   |  |  |  |

# **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: PASDs and Restraints

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

During this inspection the inspector followed up on a previous citation related to personal assistance services device (PASD). At the previous inspection the inspector found there was no evidence of; the PASD being used for the purpose of assisting the resident with a routine activity of living, the licensee having considered or tried alternatives to the use of the device, the use of the device is reasonable, in light of the resident's physical and mental condition, the device being approved by an regulated health professional, the PASD be included in the resident's plan of care, and/or that the PASD is being used in accordance with the prescribed requirements. The Licensee failed to take corrective actions to assess and confirm that a personal assistance services device for a resident was used only for the purpose of assisting the resident with a routine activity of living and failed to follow the prescribed requirements.

#### Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by June 20, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

# Focus Area #2: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and found that 2 residents did not have their plans of care revised appropriately. Additionally, the inspector found that 1 of these residents did not have an approved plan of care, as there was no evidence that the plans had been approved by the residents or their substitute decision makers. The inspector confirmed that the Licensee failed to ensure that the resident was reassessed and that the plan of care was reviewed and revised at least every six months as required and failed to to ensure that the resident's plan of care had been approved as required..

#### Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by July 15, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

## Focus Area #3: Staff Training

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed staff training records and found that 5 staff members had not completed training on the listed topics upon hire and 5 staff members had not completed all the annual training. The Licensee failed to ensure that staff were trained as required.

#### Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by June 27, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

#### **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.

# Additional Finding#1: Dementia Care

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

While conducting this inspection the inspector followed up on a previous citation related to the dementia care program and found that the residents who reside on the memory care floor are not consistently offered therapies, techniques and activities to maximize the functioning and independence nor to promote quality of life and wellbeing. The Licensee failed to take corrective actions to implement the dementia care program requirements as prescribed.

#### Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by July 15, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

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

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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;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

#### 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:

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

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

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

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

#### s. 65. (2); Training

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), (e)

(e) injury prevention;

#### 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. (4); On-going training

## s. 65. (4); On-going training

65. (4) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection (2) receive on-going training as described in that subsection at the times required by the regulations.

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.

#### s. 65. (5), para. 4

4. Ways to minimize the need of residents for personal assistance services devices and if a resident needs such a device, the ways of using it in accordance with its manufacturer's operating instructions, this Act and the regulations.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 66. (1); Training of volunteers

## s. 66. (1); Training of volunteers

66. (1) Subject to subsection (2) and the regulations, every licensee of a retirement home who allows volunteers to participate in the lives and activities of residents of the home shall ensure that the volunteers are trained in accordance with the regulations in applying the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4) and the licensee's policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents mentioned in subsection 67 (4).

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 69. (1); Use of personal assistance services devices

## s. 69. (1); Use of personal assistance services devices

69. (1) A licensee of a retirement home or an external care provider who provides care services in the home may permit the use of a personal assistance services device for a resident of the home only for the purpose of assisting the resident with a routine activity of living.

## The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 69. (2); Restrictions on use

#### s. 69. (2); Restrictions on use

69. (2) A licensee of a retirement home or an external care provider who provides care services in the home may permit the use of a personal assistance services device for a resident of the home only if,

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

#### s. 69. (2), (a)

(a) the licensee has considered or tried alternatives to the use of the device but has found that the alternatives have not been, or considers that they would not be, effective to assist the resident with a routine activity of living;

#### s. 69. (2), (b)

(b) the use of the device is reasonable, in light of the resident's physical and mental condition and personal history, and is the least restrictive of such devices that would be effective to assist the resident with a routine activity of living;

## s. 69. (2), (c)

(c) one or more of the following persons have approved the use of the device:

#### s. 69. (2), (c), 1.

(i) a legally qualified medical practitioner,

#### s. 69. (2), (e)

(e) the use of the device is included in the resident's plan of care;

## s. 69. (2), (f)

(f) the device is used in accordance with the prescribed requirements, if any.

## The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 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 O. Reg. 166/11 s. 14. (2); Staff training

## s. 14. (2); Staff training

14. (2) For the purposes of subsection 65 (4) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive training under subsection 65 (2) of the Act receive the training at least annually.

## The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 14. (3); Staff training

## s. 14. (3); Staff training

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 O. Reg. 166/11 s. 14. (5); Staff training

#### s. 14. (5); Staff training

14. (5) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection 65 (5) of the Act receive that training on an ongoing basis, namely at least annually after receiving the training described in subsection (4).

# The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 41. (1); Dementia care program

#### s. 41. (1); Dementia care program

41. (1) If the licensee of a retirement home provides a dementia care program to a resident of the home, the licensee shall ensure that the program complies with this section.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 41. (2); Dementia care program

# s. 41. (2); Dementia care program

41. (2) The program shall include,

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

#### s. 41. (2), (a)

(a) therapies, techniques and activities, including mental stimulation, to maximize the functioning and independence of the resident in the areas of physical, cognitive, sensory and social abilities;

#### s. 41. (2). (b)

(b) monitoring the resident for safety and wellbeing;

#### s. 41. (2), (c)

(c) therapies, techniques and activities to promote quality of life and wellbeing for the resident;

# The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 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.

#### **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. (8); Integration of assessments and care

62. (8) The licensee shall ensure that there are protocols to promote the collaboration between the staff, external care providers and others involved in the different aspects of care of the resident,

#### s. 62. (8), (a)

(a) in the assessment of the resident so that their assessments are integrated and are consistent with and complement each other;

#### s. 62. (8); Integration of assessments and care

62. (8) The licensee shall ensure that there are protocols to promote the collaboration between the staff, external care providers and others involved in the different aspects of care of the resident,

### s. 62. (8), (b)

(b) in the development and implementation of the plan of care so that the different aspects of care are integrated and are consistent with and complement each other.

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

## s. 19. (2); Maintenance

19. (2) The maintenance program shall include policies and procedures for routine, preventative and remedial maintenance of the following in the retirement home:

#### s. 19. (2), para. 2

2. Heating systems and hot water boilers.

## 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. (a)

(a) no drug is administered by the licensee or the staff to the resident in the home unless the drug has been prescribed for the resident by a person who is authorized to prescribe a drug under section 27 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991;

# 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. (b)

(b) no drug is administered by the licensee or the staff to the resident in the home except in accordance with the directions for use specified by the person who prescribed the drug for the resident;

#### s. 30.; Storage of drugs or other substances

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,

#### s. 30. (a)

(a) the drugs or other substances are stored in an area or a medication cart that,

#### s. 30. (a), 2.

(ii) is locked and secure,

#### s. 30.; Storage of drugs or other substances

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,

#### 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;

#### s. 40.; Provision of a meal

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,

#### s. 40. (a)

(a) if the licensee is the sole provider of the resident's meals, the resident is offered at least three meals per day at reasonable and regular meal hours, a beverage between the morning and midday meals, a snack and a beverage between the midday and evening meals and a snack and a beverage after the evening meal;

#### s. 40.; Provision of a meal

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,

#### s. 40. (g)

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

#### s. 48. (2); Approval of the plan of care

48. (2) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection 62 (9) of the Act, 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 the resident's plan of care is approved by a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or the College of Nurses of Ontario.

#### s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

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:

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

1. The complaint shall be investigated. If the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.

#### s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

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:

## 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); Procedure for complaints to licensee

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:

# 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,

#### s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

#### s. 59. (2), (a)

(a) the nature of each verbal or written complaint;

## s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

## s. 59. (2), (b)

(b) the date that the complaint was received;

# s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

## s. 59. (2), (c)

(c) the type of action taken to resolve the complaint, including the date of the action, time frames for actions to be taken and any follow-up action required;

## s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

#### s. 59. (2), (d)

(d) the final resolution, if any, of the complaint;

## s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

# s. 59. (2), (e)

(e) every date on which any response was provided to the complainant and a description of the response;

#### s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

#### s. 59. (2), (f)

(f) any response made in turn by the complainant.

#### **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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| Melissa Meikle         | June 17, 2025 |  |  |
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