

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: November 29, 2024	Name of Inspector: Jennifer Sarkis
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection	
Licensee: ACC-003158 - 2643796 Ontario Inc.	
Retirement Home: Emerald Retirement Residence	
License Number: S0462	

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 <i>RHA</i>. 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 <i>RHA</i>. 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 <i>RHA</i>. 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
<i>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.</i>
Focus Area #1: Abuse and Neglect

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector requested a copy of the Licensee's zero tolerance to abuse and neglect policy. The Licensee failed to provide evidence of this policy. The Licensee failed to ensure that they had a policy in place and available when requested.

Outcome

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

Focus Area #2: Complaints**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's complaints log and found no evidence of a written quarterly analysis of complaints. The Licensee failed to ensure that their complaint log included all the required elements.

Outcome

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

Focus Area #3: Emergency Plan**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's records of testing for their emergency plans and found that the testing for an evacuation was not completed. The Licensee failed to ensure that testing was completed every two years, as required.

Outcome

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

Focus Area #4: Medications**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector observed medication administration with staff during the inspection. The home was not able to show evidence of a Supervisor of the medication program. The Licenses failed to ensure there was a qualified Supervisor overseeing the medication program.

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.

Focus Area #5: 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 a re-assessment and their plans of care reviewed within the required time. Additionally, 1 resident who recently moved in, had no plan of care on file. The Licensee failed to ensure that all resident plans of care were completed on time and on file, as required.

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.

Focus Area #6: Staff Training

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector requested a sample of staff training records of 5 staff members, in which the Licensee failed to provide evidence of training for both new hired staff and annual training. Additionally, the inspector observed staff administering medication to residents in which the home could not provide evidence of medication administration training for this staff member as well as the other staff in the home who provide medication. The Licensee failed to ensure that staff were trained as required.

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 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: Governability**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector requested several outstanding documents during the inspection with a date for documents to be produced to the inspector. The home failed to produce any of the documents requested, as required by the Licensee.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

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. 22. (4); Risk of falls**s. 22. (4); Risk of falls**

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. 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. (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. (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;

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. 62. (1); Plan of care

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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.

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,

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), 1.

(i) the details of the services,

s. 62. (4), (b)

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

s. 62. (4), (b), 2.

(ii) the goals that the services are intended to achieve,

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. 77. (7); Obligation to produce and assist

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77. (7) If an inspector makes a demand under clause (5) (d), the person having custody of the record shall produce it for the inspector within the time specified in the demand and, at the inspector's request, shall,

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

s. 77. (7), (a)

(a) provide whatever assistance is reasonably necessary to produce the record in a readable form, including using data storage, processing and retrieval devices and systems;

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. 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,

s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

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,

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); Training

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

s. 65. (2), (c)

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

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,

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); Training

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

s. 65. (2), (e)

(e) injury prevention;

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,

s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

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,

s. 65. (2), (g)

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

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,

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);

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.

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:

s. 65. (5), para. 3

3. Behaviour management.

s. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance

67. (4) Without in any way restricting the generality of the duties described in subsections (1) and (2), the licensee shall ensure that there is a written policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents and shall ensure that the policy is complied with.

Ontario Regulation 166/11:

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.

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.

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,

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.

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).

s. 15. (3); Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect

15. (3) The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

s. 15. (3), (a.1)

(a.1) contain an explanation of the prohibition on borrowing, receiving or holding a resident's money or other property, as set out in section 57.1;

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. 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,

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); 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,

s. 27. (9), (b)

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

s. 59. (3); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (3) The licensee shall ensure that,

s. 59. (3), (a)

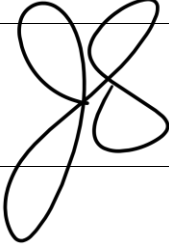
(a) the written record is reviewed and analyzed for trends at least quarterly;

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
		January 8, 2025