

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

**Inspection Information** 

Date of Inspection: November 17, 2023 Name of Inspector: Jennifer Sarkis

**Inspection Type:** Routine Inspection

Licensee: ACC-002470 - Chartwell Master Care Corporation

Retirement Home: Chartwell Queen's Square Retirement Residence

**License Number: T0101** 

#### **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: Abuse and Neglect

# **RHRA Inspector Findings**

While conducting the inspection, the inspector reviewed an incident the home self-reported to the RHRA related to missed medication and blood glucose readings which resulted in risk of harm to a resident. The inspector reviewed the residents' care files, policies, medication and blood glucose records, interviewed staff and the home's investigation documents. The inspector found evidence that the home failed to administer diabetic medication to the resident, as well as several days of missed blood glucose readings, which resulted in the resident experiencing symptoms of hyperglycemia and requiring hospitalization as an intervention. Additionally, the Licensee failed to report the incident of neglect to the Registrar in a timely manner. As a result, the inspector found the Licensee's inactions jeopardized the health and safety of the resident, and the Licensee failed to protect the resident from neglect.

#### 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 #2: Medications

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

# **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and found that 1 residents did not have their plans of care approved appropriately, as there was no evidence that the plan had been approved by the residents or their substitute decision maker. The Licensee failed to ensure that all resident plans of care had been approved 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.

#### **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. 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. (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;

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

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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. 67. (2); Same, neglect

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67. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that the licensee and the staff of the home do not neglect the residents.

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75. (1) A person who has reasonable grounds to suspect that any of the following has occurred or may occur shall immediately report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based to the Registrar:

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

# s. 75. (1), para. 2

2. Abuse of a resident by anyone or neglect of a resident by the licensee or the staff of the retirement home of the resident if it results in harm or a risk of harm to the resident.

#### **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.

