

**Team Advocacy Inspection for July 17, 2015**  
**Nichols Residential Care Facility**  
**Inspection conducted by Nicole Davis, P&A Team Advocate, and Richard Thompson,**  
**Volunteer**



### **Facility Information**

Nichols Residential Care Facility is located in Charleston County at 702 E Railroad Avenue, Lincolville, SC 29485-7228. Team arrived at the facility at 10:04 AM and exited the facility at 12:23 PM. The administrator was present for the inspection. The facility is operated by Laverne Nichols. There was one staff member present when Team arrived. The facility is licensed for five beds. The census was four on the day of Team's inspection. The DHEC license had an expiration date of December 31, 2015. An administrator's license was current and posted. The facility had a written emergency plan to evacuate to Seville's Residential Care Facility, 109 Bennett Lane, Hampton, SC 29924.

### **Overview of Visit**

During Team's visit we interviewed three residents; talked to residents and staff; reviewed three resident records, medications and medication administration records; and toured the facility. Lunch consisted of hotdogs, vegetables, fruits, water, soda and punch. A current menu was posted. Team conducted an exit interview with the staff.

### **Report Summary**

The smoke detectors in Bedroom 2 and Bedroom 3 did not sound when tested. The wooden ramp had begun to get soft. The most recent TB risk assessment was completed January 2014. One resident reported needing hygiene products. The personal funds ledgers were not signed for each transaction. The bathroom

had a faint urine smell. The back cushion of one dining room chair was not secured. Dresser drawers in Bedroom #1 were broken and had broken handles.

### **Areas of Commendation**

- The facility contained a television, wall hangings, a piano, magazines and couches. The facility has a nicely landscaped yard with a patio for residents to utilize.
- A current recreation calendar was posted. Activities included bingo, glamour nails, shopping, puzzles, and walks. One staff member was designated as the activity director.
- Team observed a good rapport between residents and staff.
- There was an adequate supply of food present.
- Residents described the food as “wonderful” and “good”.
- The water temperatures were in the appropriate ranges.
- A current electrical, HVAC and fire alarm inspection were available for review.
- All prescribed medications were present and properly secured. The MAR was accurately documented.
- Staff records had current CPR/First Aid training. Necessary SLED checks were also completed.
- Emergency evacuation routes were posted throughout the facility. Fire drills were completed quarterly.
- Individual care plans and observation notes were current and updated as needed.

### **Areas Needing Improvement**

#### **Health/Safety**

- The smoke detectors in Bedroom 2 and Bedroom 3 did not sound when tested.
- The wooden ramp had begun to get soft.
- The most recent TB risk assessment was completed January 2014. [Note: Staff reported she had checked the information to complete the assessment but that it was the same as the last two years.]

#### **Supervision & Administrator**

- No concerns noted.

#### **Residents' Rights**

- No concerns noted.

#### **Recreation**

- No concerns noted.

#### **Residents' Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)**

- One resident reported needing hygiene products.

### **Medication Storage and Administration**

- No concerns noted.

### **Meals & Food Storage**

- No concerns noted.

### **Resident Records**

- No concerns noted.

### **Resident Personal Needs Allowances**

- The personal funds ledgers were not signed for each transaction. [Note: Signed receipts documenting residents' receipt of allowance and receipts of transactions made for the residents were present.]

### **Appropriateness of Placement**

- No concerns noted.

### **Personnel Records**

- No concerns noted.

### **Housekeeping, Maintenance, Furnishings**

- The bathroom had a faint urine smell.
- The back cushion of one dining room chair was not secured.
- Dresser drawers in Bedroom #1 were broken and had broken handles.

### **Additional Recommendations**

- None

**Please Note:** Residents listed in the report are assigned random gender identification. This is for the purpose of making the report easier to read. However, the gender does not identify the individuals in the report.