

Team Advocacy Inspection for June 13, 2017
Low Country Assisted Living
Inspection conducted by Nicole Davis, P&A Team Advocate, and Antwoine Williams,
Volunteer

Facility Information

Low Country Assisted Living is located in Bamberg County at 6060 Ehrhardt Road, Ehrhardt, SC 29081. Team arrived at the facility at 11:36 AM and exited the facility at 1:49 PM. The administrator, Sherri Cassidy, was present for part of the inspection. The facility is operated by Low Country Assisted Living LLC. There was one staff member present when Team arrived; the administrator arrived approximately an hour later. The facility is licensed for 10 beds. The census was eight with all the residents being present on the day of Team's inspection. The DHEC license had an expiration date of April 30, 2018. An administrator's license was current and posted. The facility had a written emergency plan to evacuate to Azalea Woods Nursing Home, 123 Dupont Drive NE, Aiken, SC 29801.

Overview of Visit

During Team's visit we interviewed three residents; talked to residents and staff; reviewed three residents' records, medications and medication administration records; and toured the facility. Lunch was a substitution meal consisting of barbecue pork shoulder, garden peas/corn mixed, lima beans, rice, apple turnover and a drink. A substitution menu was not posted. Team conducted an exit interview with the administrator.

Report Summary

The hot water temperature in the male bathroom was 134°. An HVAC inspection was not available for review. Foods in the refrigerator were not properly labeled. A substitution menu was not posted. Resident A and Resident B's most recent observation note was completed in April 2017. Resident C did not have a photograph available.

Areas of Commendation

- Resident rooms were clean and personalized. There were wall hangings, plants, built-in shelves and season appropriate decorations throughout the building. Shared bedrooms had privacy curtains for each resident.
- A current activity calendar was posted. Activities included bingo, story time, simon says, exercise and coloring or puzzles.
- Residents reported recreational activities occurring at the facility.
- Residents reported "I like it here, I know everybody", "I want to stay here, it feels like home" and "I love it here".

- Staff was very helpful during the inspection.
- Residents appeared to have a good rapport with the staff.
- The facility was kept at a comfortable temperature.
- There was an adequate supply of food present.
- Lunch looked and smelled appetizing. Seconds were available.
- DHEC inspections were posted.
- A current TB risk assessment was posted.
- The annual fire alarm inspection was current.
- Current First Aid/CPR training documentation was present. SLED checks were completed.
- Prescribed medications were present and the MAR accurately documented. The controlled substance log coincided with the amount of medication present.
- Emergency evacuation routes were posted throughout the facility.
- The personal funds ledger was current and signed. Quarterly financial reports were available for review.

Areas Needing Improvement

Health/Safety

- The hot water temperature in the male bathroom was 134°.
- An HVAC inspection was not available for review.

Supervision & Administrator

- No concerns noted.

Residents' Rights

- No concerns noted.

Recreation

- One resident would like to do more in the community.

Residents' Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- No concerns noted.

Medication Storage and Administration

- No concerns noted.

Meals & Food Storage

- Foods in the refrigerator were not properly labeled.

- A substitution menu was not posted.

Resident Records

- Resident A and Resident B's most recent observation note was completed in April 2017.
- Resident C did not have a photograph available.
- Resident C's most recent individual care plan did not address whether the resident had an advanced directive or power of attorney. [Note: The administrator corrected while Team was present.]

Resident Personal Needs Allowances

- No concerns noted.

Appropriateness of Placement

- No concerns noted.

Personnel Records

- No concerns noted.

Housekeeping, Maintenance, Furnishings

- No concerns noted.

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.