

Team Advocacy Inspection for May 29, 2018
Nichols Residential Care Facility
Inspection conducted by Kristy Caldwell, P&A Team Advocate,
and Richard Thompson, Volunteer



Facility Information

Nichols Residential Care Facility is located in Charleston County at 702 E Railroad Avenue, Lincolnton, SC 29485-7228. Team arrived at the facility at 11:11 AM and exited the facility at 12:55 PM. The administrator was not present for the inspection. The facility is operated by Laverne Nichols. There were two staff members 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, 2018. 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 residents' records, medications and medication administration records; and toured the facility. Lunch consisted of a ham and cheese sandwich, slaw, sliced peaches and tea or water. A menu was not posted. Team conducted an exit interview with the staff.

Report Summary

The wooden ramp by the front door was soft and sunk in when walked on. The smoke detector in Bedroom 3 did not sound when tested. The smoke detectors in Bedroom 2 and the office were chirping and needed new batteries. The batteries in the smoke detector by the kitchen door were partially removed. The fire extinguishers in the facility were checked but not

initialed monthly. Resident C's most recent individual care plan review was 10/4/17. In Bedroom 2 the ceiling fan and attached light did not work.

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, 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 enjoyed the food served at the facility.
- The water temperatures were in the appropriate ranges.
- 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.

Areas Needing Improvement

Health/Safety

- The wooden ramp by the front door was soft and sunk in when walked on.
- The smoke detector in Bedroom 3 did not sound when tested. The smoke detectors in Bedroom 2 and the office were chirping throughout the inspection indicating new batteries were needed.
- The batteries in the smoke detector by the kitchen door were partially removed [Note: Staff reported the smoke detector was very sensitive and they partially remove the batteries when cooking to prevent it from going off].
- The fire extinguishers in the facility were checked but not initialed monthly.

Supervision & Administrator

- No concerns noted.

Residents' Rights

- No concerns noted.

Recreation

- No concerns noted.

Residents' Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- No concerns noted.

Medication Storage and Administration

- No concerns noted.

Meals & Food Storage

- No concerns noted.

Resident Records

- Resident C's most recent individual care plan review was 10/4/17.

Resident Personal Needs Allowances

- No concerns noted.

Appropriateness of Placement

- No concerns noted.

Personnel Records

- No concerns noted.

Housekeeping, Maintenance, Furnishings

- In Bedroom 2 the ceiling fan and attached light did not work [Note: Staff reported that a work order has been placed to repair the light fixture].

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.