

Team Advocacy Inspection for January 16, 2019
Carolina Gardens at West Columbia
Inspection conducted by Kristy Caldwell, P&A Team Advocate, and
Laura Smith, Volunteer, and Alysia Gustavsen, Volunteer

Facility Information

Carolina Gardens at West Columbia is located in Lexington County at 2705 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169-3335. Team arrived at the facility at 12:30 PM and exited the facility at 4:02 PM. The administrator, Russell Unthank, was present during the inspection. The facility is operated by FC Midlands West Columbia LLC. The facility is licensed for 184 beds. The census was 80 with 79 residents present on the day of Team's inspection. The DHEC license had an expiration date of 8/31/2019. The administrator's license was current and posted. The facility had a written emergency plan to evacuate to Carolina Gardens at Conway, 2320 Highway 378, Conway, SC 29527.

Overview of Visit

During Team's visit we interviewed five residents; talked to residents and staff; reviewed eight residents' records, medications and medication administration records; and toured the facility. Lunch consisted of four cheese lasagna, sautéed spinach, corn on the cob, and a choice of beverage. The served meal matched the posted menu. Team conducted an exit interview with the administrator.

Report Summary

The water temperature in the kitchen was 95 degrees. Several fire extinguishers in the facility were last checked 11/20/18. One resident reported needing a shower chair and eyeglasses. One resident reported needing an eye exam and a urology exam. One resident did not have at least seven outfits of clothing (in-season). Some perishable and nonperishable items in the pantry had exceeded their best-by dates.

Areas of Commendation

- Residents reported really enjoying the food.
- Residents reported feeling safe in the facility.
- Residents reported enjoying living in the facility and having no desire to move.
- The facility was nicely decorated with painted walls, plants and nice decorations.
- A current activity calendar was posted. Activities included: exercise, board games, bowling, and card games.
- DHEC inspections were available for review.

- Annual HVAC, sprinklers and fire alarm inspections were current.
- A current TB risk assessment was available for review.
- Current First Aid/CPR training documentation was present.
- SLED checks were completed.
- All prescribed medications were present. The MAR was accurately documented.
- Emergency evacuation routes were posted throughout the facility.
- Fire drills were completed quarterly.
- There was an adequate food supply available.

Areas Needing Improvement

Health/Safety

- The water temperature in the kitchen was 95 degrees [Note: Kitchen temperatures should be at least 120 degrees].
- Several fire extinguishers in the facility were last checked 11/20/18 [Note: Fire extinguishers should be monitored and signed off on monthly].

Supervision & Administrator

- No concerns noted.

Residents' Rights

- No concerns noted.

Recreation

- No concerns noted.

Residents' Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- One resident reported needing a shower chair and eyeglasses.
- One resident reported needing an eye exam and a urology exam.
- One resident did not have at least seven outfits of clothing (in-season).

Medication Storage and Administration

- No concerns noted.

Meals & Food Storage

- Some perishable and nonperishable items in the pantry had exceeded their best-by dates.

Resident Records

- No concerns noted.

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

- No concerns noted.

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.