AODA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

RESPONSIVE MANAGEMENT INC.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2024 - 2028

The multi-year plan below outlines Berkshire Long Term Care Home's strategy to prevent and remove barriers to address the current and future requirements of the AODA, and in order to fulfill our commitment as outlined in Berkshire Long Term Care Home's Accessibility Policies.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005 Customer Service Accessibility Standards (CSAS), Ontario Regulation 429/07			
CSAS Section Requirement and Implementation Date	Action Required	Implementation Status	
Development and implementation of customer service accessibility standards O. Reg. 429/07, s. 3. (1), (2). January 1, 2012 standards	Develop policies to meet needs of persons with disabilities including: Provision of goods and services, Personal assistive devices, Guide dogs/service animals, Support persons, Training and Feedback	 Policy and procedure completed Policy posted on a new website for each home September 2013. Posted signage on entrance doors for Service Animals. 	
Training for staff O. Reg. 429/07, s. 6. (1), (2)	 Provide education to all staff, volunteers, and Service Providers on the following: Purpose of AODA Policy and Procedures on 	 DVDs (5) on Learning platform from AccessForward. Developed and added policy HR Manual K-10 – AODA Policy and HR Manual K-15 Customer 	
January 1, 2012	AODA o General Requirements – Emergency and Public safety information	Service Accessibility policy (included in Code of Conduct as Appendix G for all new hires, current staff, students, volunteers and service providers) Code of Conduct is reviewed	
	 Employment – Workplace emergency for employees with disabilities. 	 annually with all staff. Emergency plans in place for employees requiring any workplace emergency assistance. 	
Amendment effective July 1, 2016	 Effective July 1, 2016 every employee, volunteer, and any other person who provides goods and services on behalf of the organization must be trained 	Aligned with new requirements as of July 1, 2016 Request 3rd party providers to sign off that they are AODA	

	on how to provide accessible customer service.	 compliant. Maintain a copy of this information in the Homes Contract Binder. Service Providers are providing their AODA policy. 	
Feedback process for providers of goods or services O. Reg. 191/11, s. 7 January 1, 2012 Amendment effective July 1, 2016	 Implement a feedback process. Solicit feedback and monitor barriers or improvements. Review all feedback and action as required. Under the new consolidated structure, the accessibility requirements of the Customer Service Standards apply to the provision of goods, services and facilities. 	 Added an accessibility feedback option to the Client Service Response Form. Respond and action as required to ensure accessibility requirements. 	
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Integrated Accessibility Standards (IAS), Ontario Regulation 191/11 Please note that effective July 1, 2016 amendments to the AODA consolidated the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service and the Integrated Accessibility Standards (IAS) into a single Accessibility Standard IASR Section Requirement and Action Required Implementation Status			
Customer Service and the Integ IASR Section Requirement and	rated Accessibility Standards (IAS) into	a single Accessibility Standards for a single Accessibility Standard	
Customer Service and the Integ	rated Accessibility Standards (IAS) into	a single Accessibility Standards for a single Accessibility Standard	
Customer Service and the Integ IASR Section Requirement and	rated Accessibility Standards (IAS) into Action Required	a single Accessibility Standards for a single Accessibility Standard	
Customer Service and the Integ IASR Section Requirement and Implementation Date Accessibility Report AODA,2005, c. 11, s.14 (1), (2), (3), (4)	GENERAL Complete and submit an Accessibility Report to the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment annually by Dec. 31,	 Accessibility Standards for a single Accessibility Standard Implementation Status Accessibility Report submitted December 7, 2012. Three Windsor homes have been added to the RYKKA 	

	persons with disabilities in a timely manner.	 Commitment Statement (HR Manual K-05) developed Dec. 3, 2013 AODA policy (HR Manual K-10) developed Dec. 3, 2013 and with recent revisions of Dec 18, 2019 Customer Service/integrated Accessibility Standards (HR Manual K-15) developed Dec. 13, 2012. Updated September 2016 to reflect the consolidation of the Customer Service Accessibility and Integrated Accessibility into the Accessibility Standard AODA policies (HR Manual K-05, K-10, K-15) all updated June 6, 2018.
Accessibility Plans O. Reg. 191/11, s. 4. (1) January 1, 2014	 Establish, implement and maintain a multi-year accessibility plan. Post multi-year plan on website Review and update plan every 5 years Post annual status report of progress Documents to be available in an accessible format upon request 	 Multi-year plan approved at the Executive Group meeting January 2014. Multi-year plan posted on the website for each home. Multi-year plan updated December 2018 and 2024.
Procuring or Acquiring goods, services or facilities O. Reg. 191/11, s. (5) & (6) Section 5 – January 1, 2013 Section 6 - January 1, 2014	 Incorporate accessibility criteria and features when acquiring or purchasing goods, services or facilities. 	Collaborate with vendors to ensure accessibility obligations in procurement.
Training O. Reg. 191/11, s. 7 (1), (2), (3), (4) & (5). January 1, 2015	 Ensure that training is provided on the requirements of the accessibility standards regarding AODA and the Human Rights Code as it pertains to people with disabilities. Training shall be appropriate to the duties of employees, volunteers and other persons. 	 Collaborated with Surge Learning to incorporate training/education materials that will meet the training requirements of IASR for accessible formats. Annual education reports to be reviewed to determine that

- A record must be maintained of the training provided, including the training dates and the number of people who participated.
- Training shall be provided in respect of any policy changes.

educational requirements have been met under IASR.

INFORMATION and COMMUNICATION STANDARDS

Emergency Procedure, Plans or Public Safety Information

O. Reg. 191/11, s. 13 (1), (2)

January 1, 2012

 Provide information on emergency procedures, plans, and public safety information in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports, as soon as practicable, upon request

- Education and training is conducted annually on all emergency procedures and plans.
- Emergency procedures and plans are also posted for public safety and in the Public Information binder.
- Upon request managers will provide information on emergency procedures & plans in an alternative format.

Workplace Emergency Response Information

O. Reg. 191/11, s. 13 (1), (2)

January 1, 2012

O. Reg. 191/11, s.27 (1), (2), (3), (4)

December 18, 2019

- Provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability, if the disability is such that the individualized information as necessary and the employer is aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee's disability
- With the employees consent, provide the person designated by the employer to provide assistance to the employee with the individualized workplace emergency response information.
- Review the individualized workplace emergency information, a) when the employee moves to a different location in the organization; b) when the employee's overall accommodations needs or plans are reviewed; and c) when the

- Accommodation Policy (HR Manual A-12) was revised May 2016 with a recent revision of December 18, 2019.
- Upon request or becoming aware of the need for accommodation by an employee who has a disability, we develop an accommodation plan that outlines what is required or needed, who is going to do it, and who will report that it is being done.
- Emergency plans developed and practiced for AODA volunteers in place and employees as required.
- All managers have been provided education and training to the adherence of O. Reg. 191/11, s. 13 (1), (2)

	i	ī
	employer review its emergency	
	response policies.	
Accessible Websites and Web	Make new internet websites and web content conform with the	Web designer has developed
Content	World Wide Web Consortium Web	and implemented information
O. Reg. 191/11, s. 14	Content Accessibility Guidelines	to support compliance with
	(WCAG) 2.0 Level A	the AODA standards for all
January 1, 2014-WCAG 2.0 Level A	Make new internet websites and	home sites.
January 1, 2012-WCAG 2.0 Level AA	web content conform with the	
	World Wide Web Consortium Web	
	Content Accessibility Guidelines	
	(WCAG) 2.0 Level AA, other than	
	criteria noted in the legislation.	
Feedback	Ensure that any process for	Client Service Response forms
O. Reg. 191/11, s. 14	receiving and responding to	are available and are in the
	feedback is accessible to persons	public information binder to
January 1, 2015	with disabilities by providing or	provide the opportunity for
	arranging for the provision of	feedback
	accessible formats and	Leadership & Governance
	communication support upon	Manual (LGM I-10) reviewed
	request.	June 2018
Accessible Formats and	Provision of accessible formats	Alternate formats and
Communication Supports	and communication support for	communication supports are
O. Reg. 191/11, s. 12	persons with disabilities must be	available upon request
	provided or arranged upon	whenever required.
January 1, 2016	request.	
	EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS	
Employment Standards relating to	As per Act and Regulation all	Policies and Procedures
Recruitment, Informing Employees,	Employment Standards relating	updated to meet the AODA
Accessible Formats, Individual	to AODA will be reviewed and	commitment for 2016.
Accommodation Plans, Return to	revisions implemented.	
Work Process, Performance		
Management, Career	<u>Recruitment</u>	
Development/ Advancement and	 Notify internal and external 	Job applications were updated
Redeployment	job applicants that	to include accommodation for
	accommodation for	disabilities to support
O. Reg. 191/11, s. (22), (23),	disabilities will be provided	participation in the
(24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29),	to support their participation	recruitment process.
(30), (31), (32)	in the recruitment process.	Applicants are informed that assembled the applicants are available.
January 4, 2016	Notification and and income	accommodations are available
January 1, 2016	Notify selected applicants that assume dations are	on request.
	that accommodations are	 New and existing employees are advised of the
	available on request.	organization's policies for
		organization s policies for

 Advise successful applicants of the organizations' policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.

Informing Employees

 Inform new and existing employees of their policies for supporting employees with disabilities, including employment-related accommodation for disabilities.

Accessible Formats

 Consult with employees with disabilities in order to provide them with the accessible formats and communications support they require to do their jobs effectively and to be informed of information that is generally available to all employees in the workplace.

Individual Accommodation Plans

 Develop written individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities.

Return to Work Process

 Have in place a documented process for supporting employees who return to work after being away for reasons related to their disability.

Performance Management

 Use performance management processes that consider the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities.

- supporting employees with disabilities.
- Letters of employment for both unionized and management employees were revised to include the AODA statement
- There is an Accommodations Policy (HR Manual A-12 with recent revisions of Dec 18, 2019) that outlines procedures for employees requiring accommodation.
- Employees who require accessible formats are provided with accessible formats of communication in discussion with the employee.
- There is an Accommodations Policy (HR Manual A-12 with recent revisions of Dec 18, 2019) that outlines procedures for employees requiring accommodation.
- There is an Accommodations Policy (HR Manual A-12 with recent revisions of Dec 18, 2019) that outlines procedures for employees requiring accommodation.
- The UKG Performance
 Management Program and
 Individual Development Plan
 (IDP) considers the

		1
	 Career Development Consider the accessibility needs of employees who have 	accessibility needs of employees with disabilities.
	disabilities • Provide employees with disabilities with the opportunities to advance within the organization.	 Job postings and external advertisements for positions were updated to include an AODA statement. Orientation checklists for staff, volunteers, students, physicians and contracted services were revised to
	 Redeployment Consider the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities 	include an AODA statement.
	before moving them to other positions, so that employees can continue to have their accommodation needs met.	 The accessibility and accommodations needed of employees would be considered in accordance with established policies and procedures.
IAS Section Requirement Maintenance of Accessible Elements O. Reg. 191/11 s.80 (44)	 Procedures for preventive and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements in public spacers. Procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions when 	 Accessible elements in public spacers include automatic accessible door entrances. Procedures are in place for preventative and emergency maintenance.
O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6	accessible elements are not in working order.	 In the event of temporary disruptions, procedures are in place to deal with the situation, as required to maintain accessible elements of public spaces.