Division of Health Service Regulation

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D 000	Initial Comments The Adult Care Licensure Section conducted a follow up survey and complaint investigation on July 28-29, 2022 and August 1, 2022. The complaint investigation was initiated by the County Department of Social Services on June 20, 2022.	D 000		
D 271	10A NCAC 13F .0901(c) Personal Care and Supervision 10A NCAC 13F .0901 Personal Care and Supervision (c) Staff shall respond immediately in the case of an accident or incident involving a resident to provide care and intervention according to the facility's policies and procedures. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: TYPE A1 VIOLATION Based on interviews and record reviews, the facility failed to ensure staff immediately responded to an emergency for 1 of 6 sampled residents related to not providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a resident that had full code orders (Resident #6). The findings are: Review of facility Accident/Falls/Disaster & Fire Safety policy dated 09/2021 revealed: When an accident or an emergency occurs, staff should:	D 271		

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-Determine if the resident was breathing, conscious and check for pulse.
-Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as appropriate (first check for do-not-resuscitate (DNR) status).
-Continue emergency intervention until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrives.

Review of Resident #6's most recent FL-2 dated 05/12/22 revealed:
-Diagnoses included dementia, heart failure, hypertension, atherosclerotic heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and gastroesophageal reflux disease.
-He was intermittently disoriented and non-ambulatory.
-He had orders for a full code (all resuscitation measures were to be attempted).

Review of Resident #6's Resident Register (undated) revealed:
-Resident #6 was originally admitted to the facility 08/31/1999.
-He had significant memory loss and must be directed.

Review of Facility Death Report dated 05/23/22 revealed:
-Resident #6 was found unresponsive in his room on 05/21/22 at 4:30pm.
-The Medication Aide (MA) checked for his pulse and found he had no pulse.
-The MA called for help and dialed 911.
-The MA started chest compressions until EMS arrived.
-EMS arrived, checked the resident, and pronounced his time of death at 4:35pm.

Telephone interview with the MA on 07/29/22 at 3:10pm revealed:

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-She worked with Resident #6 that day.
-She had obtained his vital signs at approximately 3:00pm that day.
-Resident #6 was not ready for the evening meal that day, which was unusual, so she went to his room to look for him.
-She found Resident #6 unresponsive in his room.
-He was laying on his bed with his legs elevated and his arm over his face.
-He had vomit on his face.
-His skin was yellow.
-He was starting to stiffen up.
-She telephoned the Resident Care Director (RCD) who instructed her to call 911.
-She called 911 and reported Resident #6's condition.
-The MA told the 911 operator that although her certification had expired, she would be able to start CPR if necessary.
-The 911 operator told her not to start CPR.
-She did not want to start CPR because she did not want to move Resident #6's arm and possibly break it.
-A Personal Care Aide (PCA) came to the room.
-The PCA did not know what to do.
-The PCA did not start CPR.
-Other staff were keeping other residents away from the room.
-EMS arrived but did not start CPR.
-She spoke with the Executive Director the next business day about the death.
-He was completing a death report and had written that she had begun CPR and continued until EMS arrived.
-She was uncomfortable and said that was not accurate, she had never begun CPR.

Telephone interview with the PCA on 07/29/22 at 3:50pm revealed:

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-She had worked with the MA and Resident #6 that day.
-She had last checked on Resident #6 at approximately 2:30pm that afternoon.
-He had not been feeling well that day but was responsive.
-She had a current CPR certification.
-The MA told her that Resident #6 was found unresponsive in his room.
-She went to his room and he was laying on his bed and had vomit on his face.
-The MA told the PCA she had attempted CPR but that it did not help the resident.
-The PCA did not initiate CPR but went to get a washcloth to clean him up.
-When she began to clean Resident #6, she had moved his arm from his head and he was not stiff.
-The PCA did not see the MA do CPR at any time.
-Normally she would have initiated CPR when a resident was found unresponsive but did not because the MA stated she had started CPR and it was ineffective
-None of the staff were performing CPR when EMS arrived.

Review of EMS Patient Record dated 05/21/22 revealed:
-The MA had called 911 at 4:24pm.
-EMS arrived at Resident #6's bedside at 4:34pm.
-Resident #6 was laying on his back in the bed.
-He had vomit on his face and mouth.
-Staff were present in the room.
-Staff had found the resident unconscious, pulseless, and not breathing.
-Staff reported CPR had been attempted but had stopped prior to EMS arrival as they believed resuscitation attempts to be futile.
-EMS found him to have flaccid arms and legs, no breath, and was cool, dry and pale.

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-Resident #6 was found deceased at the scene.

Interview with the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on 07/29/22 at 12:13pm revealed:
-The 911 call was received and coded as a Priority 2 Heart Attack and the patient was already deceased.
-They received the call at 4:24pm and were at the facility at 4:33pm.
-He was pronounced dead at 4:35pm.
-He was told staff had attempted CPR but stopped prior to EMS arrival.
-Staff were not performing CPR when EMS arrived.
-Resident #6 was completely flaccid, meaning his arms and legs were not stiff and could easily be moved.

Second telephone interview with MA on 08/01/22 at 9:37am revealed:
-When she walked into Resident #6's room and found him unresponsive, she froze.
-When she called 911, she told the operator that a resident had died, had no pulse, and was not breathing.
-The MA told the 911 operator that she was able to do CPR but did not currently have certification.
-The 911 operator did not say anything about starting CPR so she assumed performing CPR was not necessary.
-Resident #6 did not have a DNR order, though she was not 100% sure when she was on the phone with the 911 operator.
-She did not start CPR because she was not sure if she was allowed to touch him.

Interview with the RCD on 08/01/22 at 1:38pm revealed:
-She received a phone call from the MA who said Resident #6 was unresponsive.

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-She instructed the MA to immediately call 911 and start CPR.
-She expected staff to start CPR immediately and to call EMS.
-Staff should continue CPR until EMS arrived and took over.
-If one staff member stopped CPR, a second staff member should continue CPR (chest compressions).

Interview with the Executive Director on 08/01/22 at 1:57pm revealed:
-He received a phone call from the RCD that Resident #6 was found unresponsive.
-He understood the MA was performing CPR and EMS was called.
-If staff found a resident unresponsive, it was expected staff would check for a pulse and call 911.
-If the resident was lifeless, staff should initiate CPR and call out for other staff to help.
-Staff were to continue CPR until EMS arrived.
-If the first staff says CPR was not helping, a second staff member should come and continue CPR until EMS arrived.

Attempted telephone interview with Resident #6's primary care physician on 08/01/22 at 1:12pm was unsuccessful.

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The facility failed to ensure the initiation of CPR immediately for a resident with a full code order who was found in his bed unresponsive and without a pulse, in accordance with the facility's policy, and was subsequently pronounced dead when EMS arrived. The facility's failure resulted in serious neglect of Resident #6 which constitutes a Type A1 Violation.

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The facility provided a plan of protection in

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D 271	Continued From page 6 accordance with G.S. 131D-34 on 07/29/22 for this violation. THE CORRECTION DATE FOR THE TYPE A1 VIOLATION SHALL NOT EXCEED AUGUST 31, 2022.	D 271		
D914	G.S. 131D-21(4) Declaration of Residents' Rights G.S. 131D-21 Declaration of Residents' Rights Every resident shall have the following rights: 4. To be free of mental and physical abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations, interviews and record reviews, the facility failed to ensure residents were free of mental and physical abuse, neglect, and exploitation related to personal care and supervision. The findings are: Based on interviews and record reviews, the facility failed to ensure staff immediately responded to an emergency for 1 of 6 sampled residents related to not providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a resident that had full code orders (Resident #6) [Refer to Tag 271 10A NCAC 13F .0901(c) Personal Care and Supervision (Type A1 Violation)].	D914		