



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding ATIRA WOMAN'S SERVICES SOCIETY
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OLC, AAT, FF

Introduction and Preliminary Matter

This hearing dealt with an application for Dispute Resolution by a resident of a Women's shelter. The Applicant did not appear at the hearing. Conversely, representatives of the Women's shelter, E.M., Program Manager, and N.A., Director of Operations, appeared at the hearing.

The hearing was by telephone conference call and was to begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2014. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the Landlord.

N.A. submitted that I lack jurisdiction pursuant to section 4(f) of the Act as the subject residence, is a Women's shelter.

Section 4(f) provides as follows:

4 This Act does not apply to

(f) living accommodation provided for emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Introduced in evidence was a copy of the Program Agreement and Terms of Residency, signed by the parties on September 17, 2013 and which provides that the maximum length of participation in the program is 24 months and that approval of residence is dependent on the resident's participation in programs.

I find that the Respondent operates a business which provides transitional housing and emergency shelter such that I lack jurisdiction pursuant to section 4(f).

Conclusion

Pursuant to section 4(f), I lack jurisdiction to hear matters relating to the Respondent's business as it provides transitional housing.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: November 20, 2014

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