ACTION REQUIRED

Assembly Bill 663 (Gomez), Chapter 675, Statutes of 2013

Affects: Adult Residential Facilities (ARF), and Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE)

Subject: Care facilities training requirements

Summary: AB 663 amends the existing training requirements for administrators of Adult Residential Facilities (ARF), and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), in Health and Safety Code as follows:

- Adds an additional training element to the Uniform Core of Knowledge curriculum in the ARF and RCFE administrator certification training, to include instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, aging lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community (LGBT) prior to certification (Health & Safety Code § 1562.3(c)(1)(J)).

- Requires the ARF and RCFE administrator to successfully complete a department-approved certification program, which includes the new training on cultural competency, sensitivity, and best practices for LGBT community, prior to certification. (Health and Safety Code § 1569.616(c)(1)(J)).

- AB 663 does not provide a specific number of hours necessary to complete this training.

Implementation:

- Administrator Certification Section Program Analysts shall ensure that all approved initial certification training programs are providing this new core of knowledge training component to all prospective administrators who wish to be certified on or after January 1, 2014.

- Although a specific number of hours necessary for this training is not provided in statute, initial certification training vendors should be informed that the Department will be making this a one (1) hour training requirement through regulations.

- Regulations will be developed and applicable revisions to the Evaluator Manual will follow.