

Impact of a Disaster on Local Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Members

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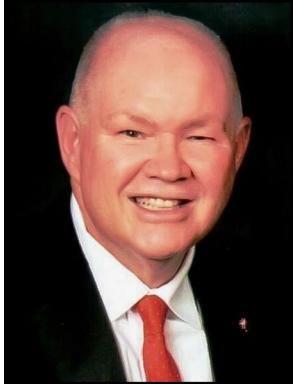
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With over 40 years of experience in healthcare emergency management, Mr. Storbakken serves as the Director for one of Los Angeles County's 12 Designated Disaster Resource Center Regions (Region 9), supporting coordination among 13 local hospitals and serving a population of over 2 million residents. Recognized for innovation and leadership, his emergency preparedness programs have been featured as Best Practices in three of the five editions of the Joint Commission's Emergency Management "How-To" Manuals.

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Luis “Vance” Taylor is the Chief of the Office of Access and Functional Needs at the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. He leads the team responsible for ensuring the needs of individuals with disabilities and persons with access or functional considerations are identified and integrated into the State’s emergency management systems before, during, and after disasters.

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Tricia Blocher, MS
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Tricia Blocher serves as the State Preparedness Director and oversees over \$75 million dollars of federal and state general fund grants to support state and local health department, emergency services, and health care coalitions in their disaster preparedness and response. During a public health emergency or disaster, Tricia oversees the Medical Health Coordination Center. Tricia previously served as the Special Assistant to the Director of CDPH, and prior to CDPH, was an executive director of a nonprofit organization.

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Rita V. Burke leads research and teaching focused on community resilience, disaster preparedness, and the health of children and vulnerable populations. She currently serves on the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters established to advise the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the medical and public health needs of children in disasters.

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Kristine Guth has 20 years of hands-on disaster response experience, including serving as the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and as a Mass Care Coordinator for El Dorado County. Her approach to disaster response is built on collaboration and candid after action reviews to improve outcomes. Kristine offers practical insights on coordinating mass care efforts, strengthening partnerships and turning lessons learned into actionable takeaways.

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Resource



Access and Functional Needs Hospital Disaster Guidebook

Shared by Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, this reference aims to assist hospital emergency managers prepare, plan and conduct exercises and training with local Access and Functional Needs (AFN) communities. Funded through a grant from the California Community Foundation, the tool was developed for use by emergency management professionals in the health care industry.

<https://calhospital.org/access-and-functional-needs-hospital-disaster-guidebook/>

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Thank You!

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