

County/Provider Partnerships

Disaster Preparedness &  
Long-Term Care Bed Reporting

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How did we get here?

- Series of meetings bringing providers together after the 2007 San Diego County Wildfires.
- San Diego County Debriefing
- CAHF Disaster Preparedness Meeting – coordinated by Jocelyn Montgomery

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The Vision...

- A system that accounted for all available beds in the long-term care community in the event of a disaster.
- Ideas ranged from a web-based self reporting program to contracted services (e.g., ReddiNet)
- Communication, Communication, Communication

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### Influential in the process...

- Bruce Haynes, M.D.  
San Diego County Medical Director
- Pauline Thomas, RN, CEN -  
Quality Assurance Specialist  
*Disaster Medical & Health Emergency  
Preparedness*
- Formed a County SNF Disaster  
Preparedness Task Force

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### Brainstorming...

- SNF Task Force brought together  
representatives from San Diego County  
EMS, local long-term care providers and  
representatives from CAHF
- Charged with developing a viable system  
to communicate available long-term care  
beds within San Diego County back to the  
Medical Operations Center (M.O.C.)

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### The result...

- 6 original areas
- Expanded to 7
- 7 Area Coordinators (AC) volunteered to  
represent the 91 SNF's in the County
- AC's will work with all facilities in their areas and  
report back available LTC beds to the M.O.C. in  
the event of a disaster.
- SNF representation at the M.O.C. (on call  
schedule)

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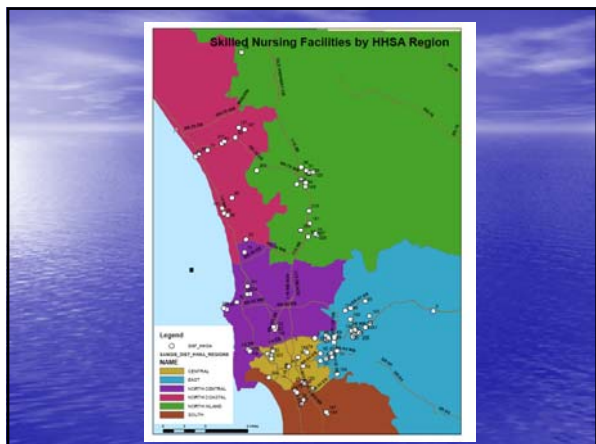
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### Going forward...

- A viable framework has now been established to coordinate mass LTC evacuations between providers within the County!
- The M.O.C. will coordinate evacuations directly with facilities based on information provided from the 7 Area Coordinators about bed availability.
- The M.O.C. already has the capability of tracking impacted disaster areas and now has SNF's on their mapping system.
- CDPH kept advised of Task Force progress

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### Going forward...(continued)

- Area Coordinators trained on NIMS
- MOA developed between 91 SNF's
- 65% signed to date!
- Satellite Phones provided to Area Coordinators
- Communication applied to H1N1 and other SNF related matters.

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### Getting Started...

- County Involvement
- Interested in becoming a Area Coordinator?
- A commitment from each facility to participate
- Taking that first step...
- "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" – Benjamin Franklin

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