



ENLA FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

Functional Committees are program specific, and related to services to clients before, during or after a disaster or emergency. Chairs of the committees shall be members of the Board of Directors and shall be appointed with the recommendation of the Chair and ratification by the Board of Directors unless otherwise specified in these by-laws. Other committee members shall be appointed by the Committee Chair or Co-Chair and may include non-ENLA members. Each Functional Committee will take into consideration the needs of the most vulnerable populations before, during and after an emergency, thereby improving the community's post-disaster sustainability. In addition, the committees will take into consideration the needs related to animal care, including, but not limited to, rescue, transportation, sheltering, foster care and veterinary services.

If you are an ENLA member and have an interest in joining any of these committees, please contact the listed Co-Chairs of that committee to let them know of your interest. They can then let you know what meeting dates have been planned. Meetings are virtual, typically on ZOOM, Teams, Google Meet, or some other form of teleconference platform. Some committees meet quarterly, others monthly -- that's up to the Chairs/Co-Chairs. However, following a disaster, committees may meet more often.

The Functional Committees include:

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: committee is tasked with taking account of volunteer resources of the VOAD's member organizations. The committee will also be charged with planning for the influx of volunteers that occurs during and after an emergency or disaster, and will help to match volunteers with organizations providing direct services to those affected by the disaster.

Co-Chaired by Kate Ekman <kate@laworks.com> and David Andrews <dandrews2100@gmail.com>

COMMUNICATIONS: committee provides for the coordination of ENLA communications services by ensuring that key information and updated status reports are distributed among ENLA members and government emergency response agencies during disaster or emergency events. Preparing for this role is an on-going function of the committee. **Chaired by Amy Castro <amy.castro@211la.org>**

DONATIONS MANAGEMENT: committee works on the handling and distribution of in-kind donations before, during, and after a disaster has occurred. **Co-Chaired by Michael Flood <mflood@lafoodbank.org> and Nicholas Nguyen <nicholas.nguyen@usw.salvationarmy.org>**

EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE: committee looks after the mental health and wellbeing of Los Angeles County residents, with special emphasis on individuals affected by disaster. **Co-Chaired by Sandri Kramer <skramer@didihirsch.org> and Reverend Heidi Worthen Gamble <heidi@pacificpresbytery.org>**

MASS CARE: committee is responsible for analyzing and implementing the preparedness, response, and recovery efforts of ENLA members to feed, shelter, provide short-term housing and meet other immediate needs for persons adversely affected by disaster. It will include efforts to help organizations serving those with special needs (seniors, DAFN, homeless, limited English proficiency, animals, etc.) to better prepare for emergencies or disasters. Co-Chaired by Amanda Morita<amanda.morita@redcross.org> (Alternate Patty Madera <patty.madera2@redcross.org>) and John Cvjetkovic <johncvjetkovic@dpss.lacounty.gov>

RECOVERY/CASE MANAGEMENT: committee is activated in a declared emergency or disaster and consists of organizations involved with case management and other activities related to recovery on an on-going basis after an emergency or disaster. These services are delivered under difficult environmental conditions that typically result in loss of infrastructure, disruption of operations, and special challenges for communication, record keeping, coordination, and efficiency. The committee stays connected to local, regional, state and, in a declared disaster area, federal assistance, and stays connected to local FEMA activated entities. Chaired by Jennifer Campbell <jenni@laregionltrg.org>