



American Public Health Association

Working for a Healthier World

800 I Street, NW • Washington, DC 20001-3710

(202) 777-APHA • Fax: (202) 777-2534 • comments@apha.org • www.apha.org

December 6, 2006

See attached list

This year's Public Health Partners Breakfast featured three excellent presentations on the topic of public and private sector organizations working together for mutual aid, surge capacity and maintaining essential services in an emergency situation.

Michael Greenberger, JD, Director of the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security, outlined efforts by his center to bring together private and public sector organizations to develop a framework for mutual aid, continuity of operations planning, surge capacity contingencies, and maintaining essential court functions.

Gene Mathews outlined the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation-funded Public/Private Legal Preparedness Initiative to expand state Good Samaritan liability protection to business and non-profit organizations and to develop common human resource policies during emergency situations.

Chris Hoke, General Counsel to the North Carolina Division of Public Health, then described in more detail the current efforts to revise the North Carolina Good Samaritan legislative liability coverage to include protection for businesses and non-profits that carry out community preparedness activities.

Pat Mail, APHA President stated she wished every state could have heard the presentation. To that end Gene Mathews is working with ASTHO to send a brief description of the Good Samaritan liability project and sample code revisions from North Carolina and Georgia to each state. We wanted to share this with you whether you were able to attend or had a schedule conflict.

Mr. Mathews contact information is contained at the end of the summary. Please contact him directly for more information. If you could not attend and would like contact information for Mr. Greenberger or a copy of his presentation, please contact Alan Baker at alan.baker@apha.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georges C. Benjamin, MD".

Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Michael Greenberger
Chris Hoke
Gene Mathews