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## Ensuring Improved Public Health for Populations: Putting Public Health Law into Practice

*The Turning Point Model State Public Health Act*

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

- **APHA Annual Meeting Keynote Address**, 11:00-11:30 am PT
- **Public Health Law Session**, 11:30 am-1:00 pm PT

Public Health Law is an important and essential tool for public health practice. This session tackles the important issue of how public health law can help strengthen and improve public health infrastructure and readiness across our nation. Although experts have recommended statutory modernization to improve the public health system since the 1980s, a model to inform this process had not been available. A multi-disciplinary group comprised of representatives from five states, nine national organizations and government agencies, and assisted by experts in specialty areas of public health developed the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act, which was recently released in final form. The Act is intended as a means for state, local and tribal governments to assess their existing public health laws and make the changes they deem necessary to ensure that laws are effective in responding to contemporary health threats.

Please join us in this session as distinguished national experts discuss the importance of public health law in public health practice.

The broadcast will also include a taped version of the Annual Meeting Keynote Address.

### Keynote Speaker

David L. Heymann, MD, is currently the Representative of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Polio Eradication programme. He has worked in various capacities at the WHO and most recently led WHO's response to the emergence of SARS. Prior to joining WHO, Dr. Heymann spent 13 years working as medical epidemiologist in sub-Saharan Africa on assignment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) engaging in activities aimed at strengthening capacity in surveillance of infectious diseases and their control.

### Faculty

#### Moderator:

- **Barbara Hatcher, PhD, MPH, RN**, Director of Scientific and Professional Affairs, American Public Health Association

#### Presenters:

- **Kristine Gebbie, DrPH, RN**, Elizabeth Standish Gill Associate Professor of Nursing, Columbia University; and Director, Center for Health Policy at Columbia University School of Nursing
- **James Hodge, Jr., JD, LL.M.**, Assistant Public Health Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; and Deputy Director, Center for Law and the Public's Health
- **Myra Munson, JD, MSW**, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson
- **State Health Official** (TBD)

### Learning Objectives

Participants will:

1. understand why up-to-date public health laws are essential tools for public health practice;
2. obtain a working knowledge of the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act and its use as a tool for updating state, local and tribal public health laws; and
3. learn about basic models for state statute modernization efforts.

### Target Audience

Public health program and policy directors, and public health practitioners who are interested in improving the quality and accountability of public health practice.

### Registration and Viewing Information

To register or for information on the program, visit the APHA Web site at [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org) and click on the "Satellite Broadcast" link in the "What's New" box or go directly to [www.apha.org/meetings/broadcasts](http://www.apha.org/meetings/broadcasts).

- Registration is only available online.
- Handout materials will be available to registered participants approximately one week before the programs.
- You will need to locate a viewing site with a steerable antenna that receives either C- or Ku-band analog satellite signals. Examples of such sites are schools, hospitals, community colleges, universities, county extension offices and libraries.
- There is no registration fee. Deadline for registration is November 18, 2003.
- Questions? E-mail [alphntn@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphntn@adph.state.al.us).

### Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education credit will be offered for a variety of professions based on 1.5 hours of instruction for the Public Health Law session. A fee of \$25 per person will be charged for CE application.

### Satellite Technical Specifications

Satellite coordinates will be e-mailed to all registered participants.

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