

APHL Newborn Screening Activities

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Newborn Screening & Genetics in Public Health Committee

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Position Statements

Both under review; will sunset 6/30/07

**Parental Consent in Public Health
Newborn Screening Programs**

**The Role of the Private Laboratory
Sector in Public Health Newborn
Screening Programs**

Continuity of Operations Planning

- **Forward-stocking of reagents and supplies**
- **State-specific plans to continue NBS on-site**
- **Back-up plans for infant follow-up**
- **Regional and inter-regional burden-sharing agreements**
- **Data systems to ensure record integrity and the timely transmission of results**
- **Audioconferences to discuss model contingency plans**
- **Congressional staffers participated in discussion of contingency planning at Oct 2006 APHL NBS&GPH Committee meeting**

Training and Education

2007 Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium

Minneapolis, May 7-10, 2007

Theme: “Harmonization of Newborn Screening Systems”

Newborn screening systems issues for laboratorians, follow up managers, nurses, metabolic specialists, and other professionals

Co-Sponsored by the International Society for Neonatal Screening

Outsourcing Subcommittee

Survey instrument to solicit information on states' experiences with outsourcing or contracting for NBS services

Information from this survey will be used to develop guidance to programs considering outsourcing components of their NBS services

Workgroup Meeting

“Issues in Requiring Routine Second Testing in Newborn Screening”

December 4-5, 2006

Laboratorians, follow-up managers, and endocrinologists from 12 states

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