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APHL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Over his 20+ year tenure, Executive Director Scott J. Becker has taken the [Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](#) from a modest nonprofit focused on public health laboratory training to a center for quality laboratory systems with a budget of \$75 million, a global reach and wide-ranging programs and services. Always energetic, Scott has expanded partnerships with the federal laboratory community, broadened APHL's membership, retained highly qualified staff – some over decades – and cultivated relationships with public health leaders that have proven instrumental to the association's growth. His active presence on Twitter and other social media platforms has strengthened APHL's brand and raised its visibility.



Scott manages an extensive portfolio, which includes APHL's strategic direction, policy development and fiscal management as well as liaison with APHL members, strategic partners and the Board of Directors. He oversees a staff of 200 located in the US and African countries, programs ranging across eight scientific disciplines, and training, communications and other member services.

A veteran of public health events from anthrax, SARS and H1N1 to Ebola, Lung Injuries/Vaping, and now 2019-nCoV, Scott leads APHL's response to emergencies. He juggles situation updates, development of protocols and resources, media interviews, and advocacy for emergency funding and policy changes. He also regularly convenes laboratory and federal partners to coordinate activities and resolve logistical issues before they impede response operations.

Building US systems for electronic exchange of public health data has been one of Scott's top priorities for over a decade. Electronic data exchange systems will expedite delivery of test results, address chronic under-reporting of disease data and alleviate the reporting burden on clinicians. Currently Scott is leading development of new plans and a funding strategy for [APHL's state-of-the-art AIMS platform](#). AIMS provides data management and messaging services to public health and other data exchange partners. Scott also is pursuing national solutions to transfer electronic health data through extensive participation in the public-private forum [Digital Bridge](#) and the "[Data: Elemental to Health](#)" campaign, which seeks \$1 billion in federal funding over 10 years to modernize public health surveillance.

Scott is active in national and international public health initiatives. He chairs the Governance Working Group for the [Global Laboratory Leadership Program \(GLLP\)](#), a collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and others to develop a competency-based curriculum for laboratory leaders. Additionally, Scott is a member of the Affiliate Council of the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)](#) which he formerly chaired.

Earlier in his career, Scott served as deputy executive director for the [Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#). During a sabbatical from ASPPH, he directed a WHO project to integrate HIV/AIDS into health profession curricula. He holds a BS in Business from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, and an MS in Management, with a concentration in Nonprofit Management, from the University of Maryland University College.