

Patriot Services Corporation Senior Leader Speaks on Public Health Preparedness

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Scott Hiipakka, Vice President and Director of State, Local, and Health Services, was a speaker at the Annual Winter Conference for the Michigan Society of Healthcare Risk Management (MSHRM), held in East Lansing, Michigan on March 7, 2006. The focus of the conference was "Emergency Preparedness in Healthcare Risk Management". Mr. Hiipakka's presentation on "Maximize Preparedness, Minimize Risk" focused on emergency preparedness for hospitals and hospital preparedness integration into local, state, and national planning and policies.

Mr. Hiipakka states "I was extremely excited to have been selected as a speaker for this important conference. Hospitals play a key role in community preparedness and they need to be ready. Events such as those that occurred during Hurricane Katrina reinforce those members of the community will look to our healthcare facilities in times of crisis, not only as sources of medical treatment, but also for shelter. Hospitals must be prepared!"

Mr. Hiipakka's lecture provided important information about key elements of emergency preparedness: Planning, Training, and Testing. He discussed having readily available, relevant plans that are up to date and that incorporate key elements of response procedures. He focused on the importance of having trained staff that understand the procedures, and know how to respond during crisis scenarios. He also discussed the importance of testing the staff and the plans with realistic disaster scenarios in order to better prepare them and to confirm the validity of the existing emergency plans.

As the Vice President and Director of State, Local, and Health Services, Mr. Hiipakka is responsible for all state and local emergency preparedness services, including healthcare emergency preparedness, offered by Patriot Services Corporation.

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