



Council Directions and Priorities

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Overview

For more than 25 years, the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) has been providing support for the US public health workforce and advancing workforce development efforts nationwide. This has included early work to lay the groundwork for [The Community Guide](#) (The Guide to Community Preventive Services) and the field of public health services and systems research (PHSSR), contributions to [Council on Education for Public Health](#) accreditation for schools and programs of public health and [Public Health Accreditation Board](#) accreditation for health departments, development of [foundational competencies](#) for the practice and teaching of public health, and strengthening [partnerships](#) and collaboration between public health practice and academia. Over this history, the Council has grown from nine member organizations to 23, expanding its breadth and bringing in a range of stakeholders whose efforts align in the goal of improving the public's health.

The Council aims to improve the performance of individuals and organizations within public health by fostering, coordinating, and monitoring collaboration among the academic, public health practice, and healthcare communities; promoting public health education and training for health professionals throughout their careers; and developing and advancing innovative strategies to build and strengthen public health infrastructure. The Council is guided by a set of Strategic Directions, and all of its activities align with those directions. The [current Strategic Directions](#) run through 2020 and are included in the meeting materials.

Discussion during this Council meeting will focus on future directions and priorities for the Council moving into 2019. As the Council begins 2019 with reduced funding for activities, Council members are asked for guidance as to: 1) the direction for Council activities; 2) areas within the Council's Strategic Directions that are priorities for Council member organizations; and 3) activities aligned with the Strategic Directions in which Council member organizations are engaged. This discussion will also provide an opportunity for a mid-point review of the *Strategic Directions, 2016-2020* to ensure that the priorities in the Strategic Directions are those that the Council wishes to remain focused on.