



## **Membership Request from the Veterans Health Administration**

**December 12, 2017**

### ***Overview***

The [Veterans Health Administration](https://www.va.gov/health/aboutVHA.asp) (VHA) is requesting preliminary membership in the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council). With a mission to *Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being*, VHA is the largest integrated healthcare system in the nation, as well as the largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research. Additional information about VHA, including its [Strategic Plan](#), is available on its website at <https://www.va.gov/health/aboutVHA.asp>.

### ***Action Item: Vote on Membership Request***

During this meeting, a vote will be held to determine whether to grant VHA preliminary membership in the Council. As a reminder, an organization granted preliminary membership will serve as a preliminary member of the Council for a period of one year, at which time a vote will be held to determine whether to grant the organization full membership status. Each Council member organization has one vote, and this vote must be cast by the organization's official Council representative or designee.