



**Open Discussion of Council Priorities  
March 26, 2026**

***Overview***

The [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) is guided by its [Strategic Directions, 2023–2027](#). In recent years, the Council has primarily focused on strengthening the [Academic Health Department Learning Community](#), developing and supporting the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) (Core Competencies) and engaging in initial work on public health workforce retention and recruitment. A copy of the *Strategic Directions, 2023–2027* is included in the meeting materials, with areas of recent Council work highlighted.

This meeting presents an opportunity to reflect on the current *Strategic Directions* and the path forward. Within the scope of the *Strategic Directions*, the Council will discuss technical assistance that might be needed by organizations or professionals in public health practice or academia and opportunities for funding, among other topics.

In addition, the Council will discuss the Core Competencies and ways the competency set may be updated to reflect changes in the public health field. This may be accomplished through adding examples, developing guidance documents, or other means.

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