



Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations

Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH
Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road,
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Dear Dr. Walensky,

As Chair of the [Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations \(CPHNO\)](#), representing public health nurses across the nation, I am writing to ask that you strengthen your decision to appoint Dr. Mary Wakefield to revamp the CDC and enhance our nation's focus on public health. We urge you to add Rear Admiral Aisha Mix, Chief Professional Officer for the Nurse Category Commission Corp of the U.S. Public Health Service, who has public health nursing and systems change expertise. Together, Dr. Wakefield and Rear Admiral Mix will no doubt make a strong team.

I have been working with Rear Admiral Mix and a team of public health nurse thought leaders since the beginning of the pandemic to re-envision public health nursing through the Public Health 3.0 lens (our work [AJPH publication](#)). I can attest to Rear Admiral Mix's abilities to transform systems, which include strategic vision, ability to facilitate readiness, authentic interactions, and the skills to develop and sustain cross-sector collaboration and partnerships to effect change.

Please let me know if I can provide further information or answer additional questions.

Sincerely,



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