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**CPMC Board Moves Ahead On Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations**

**Decision is a critical step in securing long-term future for CPMC's St. Luke's Campus**

(San Francisco, September 25, 2008) California Pacific Medical Center's Board of Directors has voted to approve and authorize hospital management to proceed with planning for implementation of the main recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel.

The Blue Ribbon Panel was established as an independent body to create a viable plan for acute care hospital and outpatient services at St. Luke's Campus, a plan which complements and is supported by CPMC's institutional plan for all its San Francisco campuses.

"We think the Community Outreach Task Force and the Blue Ribbon Panel did an incredible job in producing these recommendations," says Scott Minick, chair of California Pacific's Board of Directors. "The Board was unanimous in its approval that these will form the basis for a bright future for the St. Luke's Campus, one that does not leave the hospital standing alone, but links it to CPMC's city-wide health care delivery system. This means that patients at St. Luke's Campus will also have access to all the world-class specialists and services at CPMC's other campuses, everything from interventional endoscopy to liver transplants."

Among the recommendations the CPMC Board voted to approve are:

- Building a new acute care community hospital on the site of the St. Luke's Campus
- Integrating the medical staffs at St. Luke's and CPMC
- Maintaining critical services at St. Luke's including an Emergency Department, OB/GYN, medical/surgical, Intensive Care Unit, Urgent Care, and a new Center of Excellence on Senior Health

"We welcome the CPMC Board's approval of our recommendations," says the Rt. Reverend Marc Andrus, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, and vice-chair of the Blue Ribbon Panel. "We know that the future of the St. Luke's campus is intimately connected to that of CPMC, both clinically and economically, so this vote is a critical step in preserving the continuity of care in that community."

The resolution from the CPMC Board recognizes the important link between the future of the St. Luke's Campus and the building of a new hospital at Cathedral Hill, since the new hospital is the economic engine that will help provide funding to rebuild the St. Luke's Campus and maintain services there. The other campuses, including the new one at Cathedral Hill, are essential to move the highly complex, advanced specialized care that patients at the St. Luke's Campus require.

The Board recognizes the work that CPMC must undertake to garner the necessary support, approvals and permits to make the hospital at Cathedral Hill a reality, and hopes that San Francisco, including the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Health, the Health Commission and community representatives will continue to collaborate and support CPMC's city-wide plan as was accomplished with the Blue Ribbon Panel.

"The strength of the Blue Ribbon Panel was its ability to bring together an incredibly diverse group of experts and get them to put aside personal agendas and work for the good of the community," says Stephen M. Shortell, Ph.D., MPH, dean and professor of Health Policy and Management at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, and chair of the Blue Ribbon Panel. "But that work is not yet complete. We need that spirit of cooperation to continue, to make sure the recommendations of the Panel are realized."

"The Blue Ribbon Panel was the first step, the Board's approval is the second, but the next steps are equally important for the future of the St. Luke's Campus and California Pacific," says Martin Brotman, M.D., CEO and president of CPMC. "We need to continually work closely with the city to get the permits we need for our new hospital. And we have to work just as closely with the neighbors at Cathedral Hill as we did with the community at St. Luke's, to hear their ideas and suggestions about our proposed new hospital, and to allay any fears or concerns they may have."

Dr. Brotman also acknowledges concerns that changes at St. Luke's may involve some job losses but says CPMC supports the principle of workforce retention and will do all it can to ensure that those who are affected are offered other positions within CPMC.

The Blue Ribbon Panel, brought together under the leadership of San Francisco Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Director of Public Health Mitch Katz, M.D., was comprised of leaders from the academic, health, business, labor and political communities.

"We have achieved something that many said could not be done, building consensus on a viable plan for an acute care hospital at St. Luke's," says Alioto-Pier. "I believe we have proven that civil dialogue trumps ideology and I thank all the participants for their time and dedication."

"This vote of approval is important not just for the future of St. Luke's but also for its recognition of the importance of a city-wide approach, one that brings together a public private partnership in tackling some of the biggest health care issues we face," says Katz.

"Many of the issues we face in San Francisco are greater than one hospital or one group can solve. The Blue Ribbon Panel showed that by working together we can find viable solutions for complex problems."

The Blue Ribbon Panel met from March 20 to July 1 and consisted of:

- Chair:  
Steve Shortell, Ph.D., MPH, dean of the School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley
- Vice-chair:  
Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, bishop, California Episcopal Diocese
- Facilitator:  
Rev. John Golenski, EdD, executive director, George Mark Children's House
- Co-facilitator:  
Nancy Shemick, MPA, Shemick and Associates Health Care Consultants
- The Honorable Michela Alioto-Pier, supervisor, district two, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
- Damian Augustyn, M.D., chief of staff, medical executive committee, CPMC
- Kenneth Barnes, M.D., Savestlukes.org
- Kevin Barnett, DrPH, MCP, senior investigator, Public Health Institute
- Dan Bernal, district director for the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House of Representatives
- Edward Chow, M.D., Chinese Community Health Plan and San Francisco Health Commissioner
- Catherine Dodd, Ph.D., R.N., deputy chief of staff, Health and Human Services, Office of the Mayor, city of San Francisco
- Anna Eng, senior organizer, Bay Area Organizing Committee
- Steve Falk, president & CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
- Cheryl Fama, executive director, Peninsula Health Care District, former CEO of St. Francis Hospital
- Jean Fraser, former CEO, San Francisco Health Plan
- Louis J. Giraud, Esq, Co-founder and principal, GESD Capital Partners
- John Gressman, president & CEO, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium
- Roma Guy, MSW, former president, Health Commission, designee to the Blue Ribbon Panel by San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano
- Sandra Hernandez, M.D., president, San Francisco Foundation
- Mitchell Katz, M.D., director of Public Health, City and County of San Francisco
- Edward Kersh, M.D., vice chief of staff, St. Luke's Medical Executive Committee
- Paul Kumar, administrative vice president, United Health Workers (SEIU)
- David Lawrence, M.D., former CEO, Kaiser Permanente
- Michael Lighty, director of Public Policy, California Nurses Association
- Gabriel Metcalf, executive director, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association
- Anthony Miles, member, CPMC Board of Directors



Dr. Raye Richardson	founder, Marcus Books
Rev. Shad Riddick	reverend, Metropolitan Baptist Church
Ahsha Safai	Mission Language and Vocational School
Jim Salinas	president, Carpenter's Union Local 22
Gladys Sandlin	former CEO, Mission Neighborhood Health Center
Maria Vicente-Puletti, LCSW	St. Luke's Women's Center and CPMC Board of Trustees

***The Blue Ribbon Panel to*** San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) is an independent body created under the guidance of San Francisco Supervisor Alioto-Pier and the San Francisco Director of Public Health, Mitch Katz, M.D. The goal of the Blue Ribbon Panel is to articulate a viable plan for acute care hospital and outpatient services at CPMC's St. Luke's Campus which complements and is supported by CPMC's current institutional plan for its other campuses and to meet the health needs of the communities it serves. For more information please visit <http://www.cpmcbeyondmedicine.com>.

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