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**Blue Ribbon Panel Latest**

**More names added to list of experts planning for future of St. Luke's**

(San Francisco, February 26, 2008) The list of community, government, health, business and labor leaders who have committed themselves to helping plan out the future for St. Luke's is continuing to grow.

To date more than 20 leaders in their fields have accepted an invitation to be part of a "blue ribbon" panel being convened under the guidance of Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Mitch Katz, M.D., Director of San Francisco's Department of Public Health. The panel's goal is to develop a viable plan for acute care hospital and outpatient services at California Pacific Medical Center's St. Luke's campus, which complements and is supported by CPMC's current institutional plan for all its campuses.

The 'blue ribbon' panel is part of an innovative public-private planning process that is looking at the health care needs of San Francisco as a whole, and determining what role is most appropriate for CPMC.

We are delighted that Stephen M. Shortell, Ph.D., MPH, Dean and professor at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, has agreed to chair the panel. He will be joined by the Rt. Reverend Marc Andrus, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California as vice-chair.

To date, the following individuals have agreed to join the panel:

- Mitch Katz, M.D., Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health
- Catherine Dodd, Ph.D., Health Advisor, the Mayor's Office
- Anthony Wagner, former Vice President of Labor Relations, Kaiser Permanente and former Executive Administrator, San Francisco Department of Health
- Jean Fraser, CEO San Francisco Health Plan
- Jacob Moody, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation
- Steve Falk, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
- Ed Kersh, M.D., Vice Chief of Staff, St. Luke's, for St. Luke's medical staff
- Damian Augustyn, M.D., Chief of Staff, CPMC for CPMC medical staff
- Ken Barnes, M.D. for Savestlukes.org
- Bob Morales, Labor Leader, 350 Secretary General
- David Lawrence, former CEO of Kaiser Permanente
- Louis J. Giraud, co-founder and Principal of GESD Capital Partners
- Cheryl Fama, former CEO of St. Francis Hospital

- Anthony Miles, CPMC Board member
- Sandra Hernandez, President of SF Foundation
- Jane Martin, Bernal Heights Community Center
- Tim Paulson, Executive Director, San Francisco Labor Council

Invitations were sent out to several other individuals and organizations, including the California Nurses Association and the Service Employees International Union. Some have already agreed to participate but we are waiting for official confirmation before releasing their names.

The panel will hold meetings on the following dates:

- Meeting #1 – March 20
- Meeting #2 – April 16
- Meeting #3 – May 8
- Meeting #4 – May 19
- Meeting #5 - June 3
- Meeting #6 – June 18

The meetings will take place from noon till 2pm. The location for the meetings has yet to be determined.

Besides hearing from its own members, the ‘blue ribbon’ panel will also get input from the wider community. California Pacific’s Steve Lockhart, M.D., Ph.D., will serve as the community liaison to the panel and will gather community input with the help of Rev. John Golenski, a neutral third party, for presentation to the panel.

This community component will include targeted interviews with individuals and groups representing a diverse range of backgrounds and opinions, as well as public comments at ‘town hall’ meetings. A special task force will then gather the ideas and suggestions from the community into a consensus report which will be presented to the panel.

To date, the following individuals have agreed to be part of this task force:

- Fr. John Hardin, St. Anthony’s Foundation
- Charlene Clemens, Director Division of Children, Youth, and Family, Family Service Agency of San Francisco
- Olivia Fe, Executive Director, Latina Breast Cancer Agency
- Karen Garrison, Director of Senior Services at Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
- Gillian Gillett, Co-Chair of the San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets
- Rosario Anaya, Executive Director of the Mission Language Vocational School
- Maria Vicente-Pulletti, Social worker and member of St. Luke’s Hospital Board of Trustees
- Mai-Mai Quon Ho, Executive Director of Asian Perinatal Services
- Pat Coleman, Arthur H. Coleman Medical Center
- Marilyn Metz, M.D., Arthur H. Coleman Medical Center
- Ana Perez, Executive Director of CARECEN
- Anni Chung, Self Help for the Elderly
- Rev. Dr. Joseph Bryant Jr., Calvary Hill Community Church
- Rev. Shad Riddick, Metropolitan Baptist Church
- Don Frazier, Deputy Executive Director Westside Community Services
- Jim Salinas, Senior Marketing Director, Local Carpenter Union
- Raye Richardson, M.D., Marcus Books
- Suzanne Palmer, Development Director, Episcopal Community Services
- Estela Garcia, Instituto Familiar de la Raza
- Kevin Barnett, Dr. PH, MCP, a Senior Investigator at the Public Health Institute

We are still waiting confirmation on several other individuals who have been invited to be part of this task force.

After deliberating among themselves, and weighing the community report from the task force, the panel is expected to publish its report by the end of June.

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