

**LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)**

*Guiding the development of an integrated system of home, community-based, and institutional services for older adults and adults with disabilities*

**Note LTCCC's "mission" of guiding development of "institutional services"**

*Adopted: June 11, 2009*

***LTCCC resolution affirming the need for citywide health planning, and optimizing an individual's return from hospital to home, or to the most integrated setting***

*WHEREAS, hospitals throughout San Francisco have reduced or plan to eliminate in-patient post-acute beds, which may lead to the readmission of vulnerable adults to acute care services or to increased use of emergency department services; and*

*WHEREAS, the elimination of post-acute beds in San Francisco's hospitals represents a national trend; and*

*WHEREAS, the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) Institutional Master Plan proposes elimination of some of its approximately 101 post-acute skilled nursing beds; and*

*WHEREAS, these CPMC post-acute skilled nursing beds provide for short-term care; and*

*WHEREAS, CPMC is a valued partner in meeting the comprehensive health care needs of vulnerable adults San Franciscans, and desires to increase its community engagement in the city; and*

*WHEREAS, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council has a strong commitment to assuring safe and healthy transitions for vulnerable adults leaving acute care services, which requires the ability to access post-acute skilled nursing beds, rehabilitation, transitional care, and community-based long term care services; now therefore be it*

*RESOLVED: That the Long Term Care Coordinating Council supports CPMC's policy of not closing any of its 101 post-acute skilled nursing beds, either in 2010 or later, until reasonable alternatives are established. This includes the development of a program of transitional care services that will facilitate the move of vulnerable adults from acute care services to post-acute care services, provided either by CPMC or other health care institutions in San Francisco, or provided at home or in the community; and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Long Term Care Coordinating Council requests the: (1) Planning Department, (2) Department of Public Health; (3) Department of Aging and Adult Services, and (4) the Office of the Controller, to explore the importance of and the need for citywide health planning that considers San Francisco's demand for acute care beds and services, alternatives for acute care beds, post-acute care beds and services, rehabilitation services, and transitional care, all of which should be appropriately integrated with community-based long term care services.*

*The Long Term Care Coordinating Council urges all stakeholders, including the Health Commission, Planning Commission, and Aging and Adult Services Commission, to work to preserve and expand access to a comprehensive continuum of services and support that optimizes an individual's best chance of returning from hospital to home or to the most integrated setting, provides alternatives to hospitalization, as well as minimizing re-admission to an acute care setting.*

**Note adopted Resolution's omission to plan for skilled nursing home ("institutional") care for those who will potentially need — and may prefer choosing — this level of care.**