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French Hospital Medical Center Welcomes New Board Members
*New members joining French Hospital Medical Center Community Board,
Foundation Board*

SAN LUIS OBISPO, January 23, 2015 – French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) which along with Arroyo Grande Community Hospital (AGCH) and Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) are Dignity Health’s Central Coast hospitals, is pleased to announce the appointment of a new member of the Community Board and two new members to FHMC’s Foundation Board. In total, some 48-community members bring a vast background to the table while guiding and supporting community health care on the *Community Board* and the *Foundation Board*.

FHMC Community Board

The role of the Community Board is to assure that health services provided at the hospital are medically necessary, of high quality, safe, effective, efficient, and consistent with community standards. It oversees quality assessment, performance improvement, and patient-safety and utilization management activities of the hospital and by assuring that these activities are consistent with established standards and policies and procedures.

The newly elected member of the FHMC Community Board is:

Kevin Okimoto – Kevin Okimoto is a founding partner at Trellis Wealth Advisors in San Luis Obispo, a private investment office. Okimoto was once drafted by the San Diego Padres to play professional baseball. He is involved in the community, and is founding director and chairman of the board for The Sandlot Group of San Luis Obispo, a local non-profit dedicated to the promotion of sports and overall health for local youth.

FHMC Foundation Board

The French Hospital Medical Center Foundation is a non-profit, public benefit organization with the purpose to raise funds for FHMC through charitable contributions for the betterment of community health care.

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The FHMC Foundation relies on the generosity of the community to help support hospital efforts of providing quality health care for local programs and services. The Foundation Board is made up of unpaid volunteers who donate their time and effort to raise funds for San Luis Obispo's only not-for-profit hospital. Since its inception in 2005, the FHMC Foundation has raised more than \$22 million for patient care and services.

Newly elected members of the FHMC Foundation Board include:

Liz Summer – Liz Summer is currently a senior client relationship manager at Heritage Oaks Bank in San Luis Obispo. Summer is involved in a number of community groups, including serving on the San Luis Obispo Symphony Board of Directors, as president-elect for the Rotary Club Daybreak, on the board of Hospice of San Luis Obispo County, and as lector/lay Eucharistic minister at the San Luis Obispo Mission.

Lennie Michelson – Lennie Michelson, a retired registered nurse, has resided in San Luis Obispo since 2011. She serves as elder and a member of Session at First Presbyterian Church, where she helps govern and guide the congregation, and manages the church's annual budget. Michelson is also a member of philanthropic educational organization P.E.O.

About French Hospital Medical Center

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation and one of the Top 50 Cardiac Hospitals in the nation by Thomson Reuters. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provide the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology on the Central Coast. The hospital's current modernization and redesign project is an example of the commitment to meet the growing needs of the community with lifesaving advancements in medicine coupled with excellent, compassionate care. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health member of the Central Coast which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA and Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA. Dignity Health of the Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities.