



**CHRISTIANA CARE
HEALTH SYSTEM**

Dr. Bob Laskowski Named Delaware Public Policy Institute Chair

WILMINGTON, DE (August 10, 2009) – The Delaware Public Policy Institute (DPPI) elected Dr. Bob Laskowski, Christiana Care Health System’s President and CEO, as its new board chair.

Dr. Laskowski is President and Chief Executive Officer of Christiana Care Health System in Wilmington, Delaware. At Christiana Care, he oversees administration and operation of the state's largest private employer. A board-certified internist specializing in geriatric medicine, Dr. Laskowski is a Professor of Medicine on the faculty of Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

DPPI Executive John Taylor says, “Dr. Laskowski has been an active board member since I came to DPPI four years ago. He has participated enthusiastically in a number of DPPI programs and offered solid advice as DPPI explored new avenues for research. I look forward to working with him in his new leadership role.”

DPPI is a non-profit, not-partisan organization that identifies emerging issues that drive Delaware’s future agenda. In 2006, DPPI produced a study on how Delaware’s school finance system impacts the achievement of students, and how it could be changed to ensure greater success in public schools. It has also produced a report on the financing of Delaware’s water and wastewater infrastructure. In cooperation with AstraZeneca it conducted two summits on the medically uninsured in Delaware which resulted in two reports identifying the problems and offering solutions. In addition, DPPI has been an integral partner in the development of Vision 2015, the education reform effort, and in the Knowledge-based Partnership series of symposia at the University of Delaware.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the nation's largest health care providers, serving Delaware and neighboring areas in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A not-for-profit teaching hospital, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as for its Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest capability).

Christiana Hospital is the only Level I trauma center between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

With more than 10,000 employees, Christiana Care is the largest private employer in Delaware and the 10th largest employer in the Philadelphia region. Find more information at www.christianacare.org.

About the Delaware Public Policy Institute

The Delaware Public Policy Institute (DPPI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental public policy research organization. Created in 1990, the organization conducts research to offer real solutions for problems affecting all Delawareans. The DPPI is an affiliate of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit <http://www.delawarepublicpolicy.org>.