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JNESO APPLAUDS STATE HEALTH PLANNING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO SAVE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

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North Brunswick: Today, the New Jersey State Health Planning Board recommended that the sale of St. Mary's Hospital in the City of Passaic be approved. The hospital has struggled financially in recent years, and faces potential closure if not sold.

"Today's vote brings us one step closer to ensuring St. Mary's Hospital's survival," said Doug Placa, Executive Director for JNESO, a union representing healthcare workers in St. Mary's. "This is a very positive step for our members."

St. Mary's is the only remaining of three hospitals that had served the City of Passaic, home to 70,000 residents. Despite its financial trouble, the hospital was recognized as a top performer on key quality measures by the Joint Commission, an accreditation and certification organization for hospitals.

"Many of our members live in the community and have dedicated their lives to St. Mary's Hospital for two, in some cases three decades," Placa continued. "They have a vested interest in seeing their hospital and their community thrive."

The decision is now in the hands of the New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner who will make a decision on the recommendation. The Attorney General must also make a recommendation on the sale under the Charitable Assets Protection Act. The final step in the transaction requires the approval of a Superior Court judge.

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