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## Jacaranda Trace to partner with Venice Regional

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Starting the first of the New Year Jacaranda Trace will partner with Venice Regional Medical Center to provide residents with a great wellness environment, said Steve Roskamp co-owner of Roskamp Patterson, operators of Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William Penn Way.

Expanding this relationship, Roskamp met with Pete Wozniak, chief executive of VRMC, who expressed interest in being an active member of the campus health care network. Owners of the hospital, Health Management Associates of Naples, have a division of Gulf Coast Medical Group leasing space at the Center of Surgical Excellence, 8421 Pointe Loop Road, next to Walgreen's Pharmacy adjoining the Jacaranda Trace campus.

GCMG hired Dr. Sohail Shariff, who has established a primary practice leading to an urgent care



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**Discussing the new co-operative arrangement starting with Venice Regional Medical Center is Steve Roskamp co-owner and operator of Jacaranda Trace with Sharla McKenney, wellness nurse supervisor of Clubcare private home health program, and Mary Baillie, assisted living administrator.**

and family medicine center which will be opening soon, Roskamp said.

"For residents it has advantageous benefits so we are meeting with him to discuss the services offered."

Starting Jan. 1 the hospital takes over some of the home health services

not already provided by our private nursing services to residents in their homes, Roskamp said. Through GCMG the hospital will bring and manage under Medicare benefits those services for folks living on the campus needing assistance.

Wellness services in

the joint program will include blood pressure screening and hosting classes related to balance.

Jacaranda Trace will host expanded hospital professional educational programs when each month a hospital professional will speak to the folks living here, and

people off the campus will be invited to the lecture series, Roskamp said.

A retirement community, Jacaranda Trace serves local people moving from their homes to 27 villas and 400 units. As they age they need more services, so the hospital is bringing rehabilitation therapy starting on Feb. 1, taking over 1,800 square feet of the first floor clubhouse to deliver those services to residents who have had surgery in the hospital and have outpatient needs.

The campus has an assisted living complex for residents with declining health or experiencing a temporary setback requiring dining, bathing and medication management.

"Our own professionals on staff will work with the hospital to bring a more complete network of health benefits," said Roskamp. "Signature Life, our own wellness program, operates in our wellness center where

space is leased to a podiatrist, Parkinson's and neurological disorders specialist, and an eye doctor with additional doctor services available on demand.

"By bringing VRMC in we have added another layer giving very good health care benefits," said Roskamp. "Doctor Shariff has a nurse practitioner who will be on the campus as needed, a day or more each week and the convenience of the urgent care opening nearby will be a fantastic addition not only to our campus, but the entire area.

"Emphasizing the project is a partnership, not a joint business venture, where we have found our mutual interests lie in cultivating a network of benefits to keep everyone healthy. All the new services the hospital is bringing to our campus are the starting point for a health network which will be an advantage not only to our residents but the community."



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