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## **Collabria Care and St. Joseph Home Care Network Announce Integration of Services**

**NAPA, CALIF. – July 13, 2018** – Collabria Care and St. Joseph Home Care Network (SJHCN) announced today the signing of a definitive agreement to integrate organizations. Under the agreement, Collabria Care will become part of the St. Joseph Home Care Network.

The integration will also bring Collabria Care into the St. Joseph Health Northern California organization, a network of hospitals and clinics including SJHCN, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, Queen of the Valley Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital – Eureka, and Redwood Memorial Hospital.

“St. Joseph Home Care Network and Collabria Care have a long-standing relationship based on dedication to community, collaboration, and shared values,” said Mark Provan, Regional Vice President, St. Joseph Home Care Network. “This arrangement is an exciting opportunity for both nonprofit organizations to bring together our expertise and talented employees to reach more community members with quality health services, whether in hospital, at a care facility, or in the home.”

With this integration, current Collabria Care patients will have access to more services and experience a broader continuum of care; individuals and families in the St. Joseph Health network will have greater access to hospice and palliative care services close to home; and all patients should find a smoother, easier process for accessing the care they need—from physician and caregiver communications to medical records to appointment scheduling.

According to Collabria Care President & CEO Linda Gibson, aging Baby Boomers are living longer, but with more chronic disease than previous generations. “In response, Collabria Care has been preparing for how to best meet the increased future demand for its specialized services and programs,” she explains. “By becoming a part of St. Joseph Home Care Network, Collabria Care will be in a stronger position to do so, ensuring seamless and synergistic care for individuals and their families through the transitions of aging, serious illness including Alzheimer’s disease, or the end of life.

Objectives outlined in the agreement between Collabria Care and St. Joseph Home Care Network include:

- Providing patients with a better understanding of their care options as their conditions change
- Reducing unnecessary admissions and readmissions to hospitals through the better coordination and management of care
- Utilizing a common information system for managing patient health
- Facilitating operational improvements

Under the agreement, current staff will remain employees of Collabria Care through at least the end of 2019. No changes to current programs or services are anticipated.

Collabria Care will retain its leadership team and board of directors, who will continue to have authority over operations for three years. Collabria Care will also retain its 501(c)(3) status and will continue to raise funds for its community services. All donations made to Collabria Care, including bequests, will continue to be used exclusively for Collabria Care services, programs and operations.

As part of the integration, SJHCN has made a commitment to support capital improvements at Collabria Care such as infrastructure and technology upgrades, as well as program expansion and new program development. Such investments will be implemented under the direction of the Collabria Care board of directors.

#### **About Collabria Care**

Collabria Care—a nonprofit and the only hospice organization based in Napa County—is focused on the transitions of aging, services for the seriously ill, palliative care and hospice. Operating in Napa since 1979, Collabria Care started as Napa Valley Hospice, a small, up-valley hospice, and then expanded to provide care for individuals with chronic conditions and Alzheimer’s disease. Today Collabria Care includes more than 120 employees and 175 volunteers and serves approximately 2,600 individuals each year in Napa County and its surrounding communities. For more information, visit [www.collabriacare.org](http://www.collabriacare.org)

#### **About St. Joseph Home Care Network**

St. Joseph Home Care Network has been serving the communities of Northern California since 1979. The non-profit, faith-based organization offers specialized services for the community’s adult population who require intermittent care in their home for a variety of needs. Services include skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, home health aides, wound management, infusion therapy, and more. The Home Care team is made up of experienced, certified and licensed staff who work together to provide knowledgeable and comprehensive care. For more information, visit [www.stjosephhomecare.org](http://www.stjosephhomecare.org)

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