



*Schoolcraft County  
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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM  
SCHOOLCRAFT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
&  
SCHOOLCRAFT MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**

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As a result of abundant State and Federal regulations placed on long-term care in nursing homes and the doctors serving them, the physicians at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital (SMH) felt it in the best interest of the residents and the community as a whole, that the Medical Care Facility (MCF) have a dedicated physician to oversee the medical care of its residents. The recent hiring of Dr. Raymond Tracy as the new attending physician is a step in that direction.

“It’s a real positive for the community” Ruth MacAlpine, Administrator of MCF said. “Dr. Tracy has a vast amount of experience with nursing homes and geriatric care. He is a welcome addition to our team and a real asset to our facility. The MCF is in the process of scheduling meetings with residents and families to meet Dr. Tracy in the immediate future”.

“It really is a win-win situation for everyone” said Joy Strand, Chief Operating Officer of SMH. “Dr. Tracy’s expertise will allow our doctors who worked independently with MCF to concentrate on their specialties of primary and acute care here at the hospital and in our respective clinics.”

Physicians will be working with Dr. Tracy to ensure that the transition of care is smooth. “Letters to residents affected by this transition will be forthcoming, explaining the process.” said Strand. “Additionally, we would like to add that we look forward to continuing a cooperative relationship with Dr. Tracy and the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility.