



June 2015

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to say Bi-State's 2015 Primary Care Conference, *Charting a Course for the Future* held on May 12 ranked very high on all evaluation measures. We welcomed a near capacity crowd for the day-long conference in Fairlee, Vermont.

With their extensive experience and history, we were excited to have Sara Rosenbaum, JD, George Washington University, and Dan Hawkins, SVP, National Association of Community Health Centers, deliver the keynote address. Both speakers offered their insights on the impending changes to the Medicaid program through a policy, regulatory, and legislative lens, and the potential impact on Community Health Centers and safety net providers. Educational sessions included a panel discussion on *Community Health Centers-Charting a Course for the Future*, and three in-depth professional workshops: *Utilizing Data to Support Performance Improvement*, *The Integrated Practice in Action: Building Clinical & Management Expertise in Oral Health*, and *Governing Patient Centered Medical Homes for Board and Senior Leadership*. Given the high quality of the content and the credentials of the speakers, 4.25 CME/CEU credits were available to eligible attendees.

At our Awards Ceremony Luncheon, Bi-State's board of directors recognized the outstanding contributions and service of individuals whose work impacts the quality and availability of primary care in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Thank you for your continued support of Bi-State's Vision: *Healthy individuals and communities with quality health care for all*. Please [contact us](#) if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

[Tess Stack Kuenning, CNS, MS, RN](#)

President and Chief Executive Officer

[2015 Primary Care Conference Educational Materials](#)



Bi-State's board of directors, and president/CEO Tess Stack Kuenning (2nd from right), stand with the 2015 Bi-State Award recipients.

Bi-State Awards Presented at the 2015 Primary Care Conference

On May 12, 2015, Bi-State Primary Care Association presented *The Chair Award*, *The Public Service Award*, *The Outstanding Clinician Award*, and *The Public Service Award* to individuals from Vermont and New Hampshire nominated by their peers and selected by Bi-State's board of directors.



Dan Hawkins

The *Senator Bernie Sanders Leadership Award* was presented to Dan Hawkins, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Research, National Association of Community Health Centers. The Senator Bernie Sanders Leadership Award was established in 2010 to be given only on special occasions to someone who has truly had a monumental impact on primary care and when someone is worthy of the distinguished honor and meets certain criteria of long-lasting accomplishment.

[Learn why each recipient was selected for their particular award.](#)

SAVE THE DATE - National Health Center Week - August 9 -15, 2015

America's Health Centers-Celebrating Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future

VIDEO - [America's Health Centers: An Enduring Legacy](#)



In addition to their long history as health care homes to millions, Community Health Centers are proud to celebrate 50 years of service and continue to be ranked among the highest quality and cost effective care providers in the nation. Health Centers provide their services to all people, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status.

Today, America's Health Centers serve almost 22 million people (including 921,035 Farmworkers and more than 1,145,449 people who are Homeless) at about 9,000 delivery sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. territories.

Each year we set aside three days during Health Center Week to recognize special populations served by health center. This year we are celebrating Public Housing Health Centers Day, Health Care for the Homeless Day, and Farmworker Health Day.

[Find Health Center Week Events in New Hampshire and Vermont](#)



[Bi-State Primary Care Association](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed in 1986 to promote access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in VT and NH. Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations and policymakers, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that promote and sustain community-based, primary health care services. With offices in Bow, NH, and Montpelier, VT, Bi-State provides strategic advocacy, technical assistance, education and training, networking opportunities, and resource and information services.

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