



Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We want to thank all of you for your support this year, and share some of our 2014 accomplishments. Propelled by unprecedented advancements in health care policy and reform, Bi-State and its members have nimbly kept pace with multiple initiatives designed to improve population health, assure quality, and reduce the cost of health care nationwide.

In New Hampshire and Vermont, our collective efforts have resulted in the establishment of three new Federally Qualified Health Centers and two new Dental Centers opened at existing Community Health Centers. As 2014 draws to a close, more than 300,000 people are receiving medical, oral, and behavioral health care services at their local nonprofit Health Center.

The expressions of gratitude and relief our patient Navigators hear from those they help enroll in health insurance for the first time are heartening; especially given the enormity of the effort required to educate thousands of people about health insurance. We are so pleased to participate in this work.

Through a series of short vignettes, our 2014 Annual Report reveals how *your* primary care association is working on behalf of residents and small businesses to improve the physical and economic health of our communities. To learn more, please read our [2014 Annual Report](#).

Best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year,

Tess Stack Kuenning, CNS, MS, RN
President/CEO

Welcome New Members and New Federally Qualified Health Centers

VERMONT



Battenkill Valley Health Center

Grace Gilbert-Davis, CEO

www.battenkillvalleyhealth.org

9 Church Street, Arlington, VT

(802) 430-7269

Grace Gilbert-Davis, CEO (L) and staff welcome Sen. Leahy during National Health Center Week.

2014 Newly Designated Federally Qualified Health Centers



Gifford Health Care

Joseph Woodin, Administrator

www.giffordmed.org

(802) 728-7000

44 So. Main Street, Randolph, VT
Bethel, Berlin, Chelsea, Rochester, Randolph, Sharon,
White River Jct., and Wilder, VT

Gifford Health Care's Berlin Health Center



Mountain Health Center

Martha Halnon, Executive Director

www.mountainhealthcenter.com

74 Munsill Avenue, Suite 100 and 61 Pine Street

Bristol, VT

(802) 453-5028

Martha Halnon, Executive Director (center/back) with her

staff at Mountain Health Center

New Vermont FQHC Satellite Office



Indian Stream Health Center

Shirley Powell, CEO

www.indianstream.org

253 Gale Street, Canaan, VT 05903

(603) 237-8336

Shirley Powell, CEO, (2nd from L) with the staff of Indian Stream's new office in Canaan, VT.

Congratulations to Bi-State Members with New Oral Health Programs

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Two New Dental and Oral Health Centers Opened in 2014

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services Dental and Oral Health Program

Edward Shanshala II, CEO

www.ammonoosuc.org

(603) 444-8112

25 Mount Eustis Road, Littleton, NH 03561



Mid-State Health Dental and Oral Health Services

Sharon Beaty, CEO

www.midstatehealth.org

(603) 744-6200

100 Robie Road, Bristol, NH 03222

Sharon Beaty, CEO, (2nd from L) with her staff and Rep. Anne Kuster, at the new Dental Center Open House.

Bi-State's President/CEO Completes Appointment as Distinguished Visitor in Community Health Policy at George Washington University



Tess Stack Kuenning, CNS, MS, RN, President and CEO, Bi-State Primary Care Association, recently culminated a yearlong commitment as the **Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor in Community Health Policy** at George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Her final engagement included guest lecturer for a Health Law class at the George Washington University Law School and serving as co-faculty with Sara Rosenbaum, JD, and Merle Cunningham, MD, MPH, for the Capstone Fellowship in Community Health at George Washington University.

The Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor Program honors individuals whose lifetime careers in community health, and achievements on behalf of health centers and medically underserved communities, serve as an inspiration in public health policy and practice. Drawn from across the country, Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitors represent the nation's most talented Health Center leaders.

Photo: Tess Stack Kuenning (L) with Sara Rosenbaum in Washington, DC.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Period - Nov. 1, 2014 - Feb. 15, 2015



New Hampshire Enrollment Assistance

Marilyn Sullivan, Bi-State Navigator

(603) 228-2830 x 160

New Hampshire Residents - Enroll online:

[NH Health Insurance Marketplace](http://NHHealthInsuranceMarketplace.com)

[NH Health Protection Plan](http://NHHealthProtectionPlan.com)



Vermont Enrollment Assistance

Bi-State's Vermont Navigators:

Kristen Bigelow-Talbert: (802) 229-0002 x 220

Jennifer Ertel: (802) 229-0002 x 226

Katie Fitzpatrick: (802) 229-0002 x 225

Vermont Residents - Enroll online:

[Vermont Health Connect](#)

Call 855-899-9600

Save the Dates!

Feb. 4, 2015 - New Hampshire Legislative and Business Breakfast

Holiday Inn, Concord, NH - 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Information: 603-228-2830 x 141 or dchicaderis@bistatepca.org

Feb. 10, 2015 - Reception for Vermont Legislators

State House, Montpelier, VT - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Information: 802-220-0002 x 225 or kfitzpatrick@bistatepca.org

May 12, 2015 - 2015 Primary Care Conference

Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, VT - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Information: 603-228-2830 x 139 or aspreeman@bistatepca.org

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, please call Susan Noon, Director, Marketing and Development, at (603) 228-2830 x 144.



Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization that promotes access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

With offices in Vermont and New Hampshire, Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that provide and support community-based primary health care services in medically underserved areas.

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.

Contact Bi-State Primary Care Association and Bi-State Recruitment Center

New Hampshire: (603) 228-2830 Vermont: (802) 229-0002

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