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Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to share the results of Bi-State's **2014 Primary Care Conference** held on May 13, and provide you with links to the conference educational materials. Evaluations of the conference indicated 100 percent of attendees found it to be excellent overall with high ranks for all five professional development sessions. More than 130 continuing education credits were awarded to the doctors, nurses, dentist, lawyer, and social worker applying for credit.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Paul Jarris, MBA, executive director of the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#), effectively demonstrated how the integration of public health and clinical care can transform the health system from an illness-oriented system to a wellness-oriented system. Another nine experts presented the latest research and best practices in the areas of health center board governance, integration of oral health into the primary care practice, and the impact of payment reform on the medical home and accountable care organizations.



We were very pleased to present eight [Bi-State Awards](#) to those who have made outstanding contributions in support of Bi-State's mission to improve access to primary care for Vermont and New Hampshire residents. Congratulations to all - we appreciate your extraordinary dedication to improving access to health care for all.

Bi-State wishes to thank all of our speakers, [sponsors](#), awardees, staff, and our diverse group of attendees for their participation in the 2014 Primary Care Conference.

Sincerely,

[Tess Stack Kuening, CNS, MS, RN](#)
President and Chief Executive Officer

2014 Primary Care Conference



Improving Health Outcomes in the Medical Home

Keynote Speaker:

Paul E. Jarris, MD, MBA, Executive Director, [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO), and former State Health Official for Vermont Department of Health.



With health care reform initiatives in play at both the state and federal levels, primary care providers and public health officers have an unprecedented opportunity to be partners in community health and champions for taking action now.

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The Medical Home Model and Payment Reform

Policymakers are considering a number of models to reform the payment system, including accountable care organizations, patient-centered medical homes, comprehensive care payment, and episode-based payment. Community Health Center administrators, providers, and board members all play a role in this

complex evolution that impacts all aspects of their operations.



Panel (L-R):

Craig Jones, MD, Vermont Blueprint for Health, Director of Health Care Reform Implementation

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, MHSA, Chair, NH Medicaid Expansion Commission

William Gunn, PhD, Director, Primary Care Behavioral Health, NH-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program

Moderator: Lori H. Real, MHA, COO, Bi-State Primary Care Association

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Meeting New Challenges in Health Center Board Governance

Community Boards of Directors need to be well-informed in order to oversee and make key decisions as state and national health care reform efforts continue to unfold at a dizzying pace. As state and federal governments shape new service delivery and payment systems, it is imperative that Boards have knowledge of these emerging changes.



Faculty:

Tess Stack Kuenning, CNS, MS, RN - President/CEO, Bi-State Primary Care Association

David Reynolds, DrPH, Health Policy Analyst; Founder of Vermont's First Federally Qualified Health Center

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Accountable Care Organizations and Payment Reform

Health care reform has set in motion a demand for innovation to produce a health care

system that rewards patients and providers for measurable improvements in the patient's health and provides greater value for every dollar invested in health care. Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurers are transforming the fee for service model to a pay for performance model. Greater cooperation and integration is required of patients, providers, specialists, social services and governing agencies to achieve the goals of health care reform.



Faculty (L-R):

Sharon Beaty, MBA, CEO, Mid-State Health Center; Board President, North Country Health Consortium

Robert Wheeler, MD, CMO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT

Kara Suter, MS, Director, Payment Reform, Department of VT Health Access

Moderator: Sharon Winn, Esq., MPH, Director of Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

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Maximizing the Impact of Your Dental Program



This session provides concrete, specific, and actionable strategies to help dental program leadership determine actual capacity of the dental center and manage to that capacity while at the same time meeting organizational revenue goals.



Faculty:

Dori Bingham, Program Manager - Safety Net Solutions, DentaQuest Institute

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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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