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MAHERAS JOINS BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION



MONTPELIER, VT – August 2, 2017 -- [Bi-State Primary Care Association](#) is pleased to announce that Georgia Maheras, Esq., has been selected for the position of director of Vermont Public Policy. Georgia has dedicated her career to improving the health care system and is looking forward to using the skills she has developed through over 20 years of leadership experience – including five years within state government, five years as a consumer advocate, and ten years in management roles in other industries in her new role. Her professional record demonstrates her commitment to making the health care system better for all, especially the most vulnerable. Georgia will join Bi-State Primary Care Association, 61 Elm Street, Montpelier, on August 21, 2017.

Georgia has extensive subject matter expertise and positive relationships with Vermont health care stakeholders as the first executive director of the Green Mountain Care Board. As Vermont's SIM Project director and deputy director for Health Care Reform since 2013, Georgia has worked closely with health care stakeholders on Vermont's payment and delivery system reform initiatives, especially in the research, design, and development of multi-payer alternative payment methodologies and necessary technological and practice transformation supports. Georgia has managed a complex governance structure that includes over 300 health care stakeholders with a focus on collaborative partnerships and developing consensus. Georgia believes that public-private partnerships are critical to achieving the goals of health care reform and protecting the most vulnerable, and sees a strong role for providers in developing and implementing reforms that will support its patients, its providers, and the state.

Throughout Georgia's professional career, she has pursued jobs at mission-driven organizations advocating for vulnerable populations. Prior to moving to Vermont, she served as the Private Market policy manager for Health Care for All and advocated on behalf of Massachusetts consumers. During this time, she participated in national organizations to design and implement the Affordable Care Act including serving as a consumer representative to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Prior to that, she served as legal counsel representing low-income Massachusetts' residents in Medicaid. This work enabled Georgia to directly impact their lives and seek policy solutions to complex health care issues. Georgia received her Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School.

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[Bi-State Primary Care Association](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont's 28 Community Health Centers serving over 300,000 patients at 128 locations. Bi-State works to promote access to quality, affordable primary health care with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. Bi-State Primary Care Association was founded as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1986 with offices in Bow, New Hampshire and Montpelier, Vermont.