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THREE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS

MONTPELIER, VT - MAY 14, 2013 – The board of directors of Bi-State Primary Care Association presented awards to three Vermont residents, singled out for their outstanding contributions toward improving access to high quality health care in Vermont, at Bi-State’s 2013 Primary Care Conference held in Fairlee, Vermont.



Rep. Michael Fisher

The President’s Award, honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Bi-State’s mission of ensuring access to health care for the vulnerable populations, was presented to Vermont Representative Michael Fisher, chair of the House Health Care Committee in the Vermont Legislature. Over the past seven years, he has worked to develop a new Community Health Center in Addison County. He has also supported the development of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Randolph and Arlington. Rep. Fisher played a major role in guiding Vermont’s universal health care law through the legislative process, setting Vermont on a path toward the key payment and delivery reforms to ensure better health outcomes and reduced health care spending.



Pam Parsons, treasurer, Bi-State board of directors, presents award to Hunt Blair.

The Public Service Award, honoring individuals whose position allows them to make extraordinary contributions in the area of public health and primary care access, was presented to Hunt Blair, principal advisor for State Health Information Technology (HIT)-Enabled Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to leaving for Washington in January 2013, Mr. Blair served as deputy commissioner of the Division of Health Care Reform and the Health Information Technology coordinator for the state of Vermont. He articulated a vision for coordinating and funding the electronic health record systems and information exchanges.

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Caroline Evans

The Outstanding Clinician Award, honoring primary care clinicians whose exemplary skills and service have made a significant impact on the health of underserved populations and the community in which they serve, was presented to Caroline Evans, a family nurse practitioner at Little Rivers Health Care in East

Corinth. In 2012, Little Rivers adopted an electronic health record system while also undergoing rigorous preparation to qualify as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. Ms. Evans served as the primary care provider for a panel of 1,200 patients, and during this time, she took care of the community by coming in on her days off and staying late. Through it all, she was unfailingly calm, pleasant, respectful, and kind.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The annual Primary Care Conference features federal, state, and regional speakers and attracts a large audience of primary care executives, clinicians, and senior staff. For more information, review this year's Primary Care Conference Program: www.bistatepca.org.

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