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BI-STATE'S RECEPTION FOR LEGISLATORS AT STATE HOUSE WELL ATTENDED



Governor Shumlin poses with the staff of Bi-State Primary Care Association at the Legislator's Reception in Montpelier.

MONTPELIER, VT -- Bi-State's annual Legislators Reception held at the VT State House on Feb. 10 drew a steady crowd of legislators. Bi-State Primary Care Association's newly published "Health Care for All in Vermont: Turning the Vision into Reality" was distributed to legislators. The booklet describes the existing multi-level, interactive system that has evolved in Vermont to provide and support the delivery of health care services to the residents of Vermont. The system of health centers, hospitals, educational

programs, and support services had been carefully built through collaborations at the state, federal and local level.

Governor Peter Shumlin, and the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Harry Chen, stopped by to talk with Bi-State members and staff. Denis Barton, Bi-State's director of VT Public Policy and Executive Director Tess Stack Kuenning joined other staff and Bi-State members for the opportunity to talk with legislators about the health care delivery and support system in Vermont.

Vermont's Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals, and free clinics provide primary and emergency care services to more than 100,000 Vermonters statewide.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 charitable organization working to improve access to health care services for people by developing effective health care policy, recruiting clinical providers, and providing training and technical assistance to communities and Community Health Centers. With offices in New Hampshire and Vermont, 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.

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