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FIVE NH LEADERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT BI-STATE CONFERENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE - MAY 15, 2012—The Board of Directors of Bi-State Primary Care Association presented five awards to NH residents at the 26th Annual Primary Care Conference held on May 15 at the Lake Morey Resort, in Fairlee, VT.

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 Kathleen Dunn, RN, MPH, Medicaid Director, NH Department of Health and Human Services, as an "outstanding role model for her staff and a true example of how hard state employees work on behalf of the people of NH."

The Public Service Award, presented to Erle Pierce, President of Pierce Public Affairs, LLC, based in Concord, "honors individuals whose position allows them to make extraordinary contributions in the area of public health and primary care access." As a long-standing member of Bi-State's Community Health Center Business Advisory Committee, Pierce has advocated for support of NH's 16 Community Health Centers at the State House, with the Congressional Delegations, and among his fellow members of the business community."

The Outstanding Clinician Award, presented to Drs. Sarah Zachos James and Jeremy James, a husband and wife Family Practice provider team at Lamprey Health Care's Raymond health center, "honors primary care clinicians whose exemplary skills or service have made a significant impact on the health of underserved patients and/or the community in which they serve."

"For the past 15 years, Dr. Zachos and Dr. James have provided the best quality care to their patients and volunteered their time in many ways to improve the health of the community," said Ann Peters, CEO of Lamprey Health Care of Newmarket, Raymond, and Nashua.

The Community Service Award was presented to Lee resident, Cynthia Giguere-Unrein, for "volunteer efforts that have made a significant impact on vulnerable populations in New Hampshire." Cynthia has been on the Board of Directors at Lamprey Health Care for 22 years, serving on several committees, and providing significant leadership through the good times and challenging times. She is the Assistant Director of The Thompson School of Applied Science at the University of NH and serves as treasurer of the Library Trustees for the Town of Lee.

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. # # #