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VERMONT CELEBRATES NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK – AUGUST 5-11, 2012

VERMONT – JULY 30, 2012 – Vermont’s Community Health Centers will join more than 1,200 other Community Health Centers nationwide to raise awareness of their accessibility, affordability, and quality of care during National Health Center Week August 5-11. An open invitation to call or drop in at your local Community Health Center for more information is ongoing throughout the week in Vermont.

Community Health Centers provide access to medical, dental, behavioral, and pharmaceutical providers; many health centers offer all the services under one roof. Community Health Centers have decades of experience managing diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and other chronic diseases. All VT Community Health Centers utilize, or are in the process of implementing, Electronic Health Records. Doctors record lab results, prescribed medications, and treatment plans for each patient in their record to reduce testing redundancy and the issuance of conflicting medications by other providers. When a health care provider has immediate access to this information, it can save a person’s life, especially in the event of an emergency.

Vermont’s eight Federally Qualified Health Centers (a federal designation under the Community Health Center umbrella) participate in Vermont’s Blueprint for Health. The Blueprint is structured around improving quality and managing costs as demonstrated by achieving certification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance and implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home model of care. This past year, several of Vermont’s Federally Qualified Health Centers were invited to participate in the first payment reform pilot approved by the Green Mountain Care Board.

High quality care by nationally recognized doctors, dentists, and other clinicians is available to all ages within Community Health Center service areas. Community Health Center case managers help patients enroll in Green Mountain Care programs and access a wide range of support services. Especially helpful to the business community, Community Health Centers provide local access to primary and preventive health care while also serving as the nation’s safety-net provider for the uninsured. Enter your address in “Find a Health Center in VT” at www.bistatepca.org to find a Community Health Center near you.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization promoting access to effective and affordable primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care and preventive services for all, including the uninsured and under-insured, through Community Health Centers in New Hampshire and Vermont. More information is available online: www.bistatepca.org.

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Vermont National Community Health Center Week Event

Island Pond Health and Dental Center Open House

August 8, 4-6 pm

[North Country Health Care](#) is hosting an OPEN HOUSE at its Island Pond Health and Dental Center, 82 Maple Street, Island Pond, Vermont. Light refreshments will be served. The Health/Dental Center plans a significant renovation and addition to the current facility. Information and tours will be available.

Vermont Community Health Centers

Community Health Centers of Burlington (FQHC)

Burlington

(802) 864-6309

www.chcb.org

Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region (FQHC)

Bomoseen, Brandon, Rutland, West Pawlet

(802) 773-3386

www.chcrr.org

Community Health Services of the Lamoille Valley (FQHC)

Morrisville, Stowe

(802) 888-5639

www.chslv.org

Little Rivers Health Care (FQHC)

Bradford, East Corinth, Wells River

(802) 222-9317

www.littlerivers.org

Gifford Medical Center

Bethel, Berlin, Chelsea, Rochester, Randolph, Sharon

(802) 728-7000

www.giffordmed.org

Newport Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Newport

(802) 334-5929

North Country Health Systems

Barton, Newport

(802) 334-7331

www.nchsi.org

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital

Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury

(802) 748-8141

www.nvrh.org

Northern Counties Health Care, Inc. (FQHC)

Concord, Danville, Hardwick, Island Pond, St. Johnsbury

(802) 748-5041

www.nchcvt.org

Northern Tier Center for Health (FQHC)

Alburg, Enosburg, Richford, St. Albans, Swanton

(802) 255-5500

www.notchvt.org/

Springfield Medical Care System, Inc. (FQHC)

Bellows Falls, Chester, Ludlow, Springfield, VT

Charlestown, NH

(802) 885-2151

www.springfieldmed.org

The Health Center (FQHC)

Plainfield, Cabot (school-based)

(802) 454-8336

www.the-health-center.org

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