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## **Bi-State Hires New Public Policy Director to Support Vermont Primary Care Health Centers**

**MONTPELIER, VT – Nov. 4, 2011** - Bi-State Primary Care Association (Bi-State) is pleased to announce the recruitment of Susan Barrett, J.D., as the new Director of Vermont Public Policy. “Susan’s experience, education, and dedication to advancing access to health care will be of great service to the people of Vermont,” stated Tess Stack Kuenning, Bi-State’s executive director. “In her position, Susan will analyze public policy and advocate for access to effective and affordable primary care for all Vermonters.”



Ms. Barrett graduated with a concentration in Health and Corporate Law from New England Law in Boston. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in December 2008. Prior to joining Bi-State, Ms. Barrett worked as a health policy analyst in Cambridge, served as a health attorney in Boston, and volunteered in the Health Unit at Boston Legal Aid. Ms. Barrett recently relocated to Norwich, Vermont, and says she is “delighted to be living in Vermont again and working for an organization that helps improve access to quality primary care for all Vermonters.”

With extensive experience researching and advising in the areas of federal and state policy; insurance pool funding, reimbursement under the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid and Medicare policy, Ms. Barrett will be an excellent resource for Bi-State members and the Vermont legislature and governor. Susan Barrett can be reached at 802-229-0002 x 218 or via email: [sbarrett@bistatepca.org](mailto:sbarrett@bistatepca.org).

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving New Hampshire and Vermont, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization working to improve access to high quality, affordable health care services by developing effective health care policy, recruiting clinical providers, and providing training and technical assistance to communities and Community Health Centers. Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs to support community-based primary health care and preventive services in medically underserved areas in New Hampshire and Vermont. For more information, visit: [www.bistatepca.org](http://www.bistatepca.org).