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Bi-State, Members, Meet with Legislators on Primary Health Care



Governor Shumlin met with Health Center chief executive officers, Bi-State's president/CEO and executive VP/COO, Community Health Accountable Care executive director, and representatives of Bi-State's community health partners on Feb. 10, 2015.

MONTPELIER, VT – February 11, 2015 - Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, led a team of chief executive officers from Federally Qualified Health Centers and several community health partners, in meetings with Vermont legislators. This annual meeting is an opportunity for Bi-State members to testify on the health of Vermont's primary care infrastructure and advocate on behalf of policies that will ensure all Vermonters have access to primary medical, oral, and behavioral health care.

Bi-State and its FQHC members advocated for restoration of funding for the Education Loan Repayment (ELR) program. The group held private meetings with Gov. Peter Shumlin and Lt. Governor Phil Scott to discuss the program and its key role in recruiting and retaining primary care providers and dentists throughout Vermont. The continuing rise in educational costs-and correspondingly, educational debt-makes it even more important to restore loan repayment funding to the budget for the fiscal year 2016.

Following the meetings, Bi-State held its annual Reception for Vermont Legislators from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the State House Cafeteria.

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