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VERMONT LEGISLATOR TO RECEIVE AWARD AT PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE



VERMONT – APRIL 29, 2015 – On May 12, George Till, MD, Representative in the Vermont Legislature, will receive The Chair Award from Bi-State Primary Care Association. This annual award “honors individuals from New Hampshire and Vermont who have made outstanding contributions to Bi-State’s mission of assuring access to health care for vulnerable populations.” Rep. Till will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2015 Primary Care Conference in Fairlee, Vermont.

Rep. Till has dedicated himself to public service and to improving the lives of others over the span of his career. He practiced as an obstetrics and gynecology physician in Chittenden County for more than twenty years before taking a hospitalist position at Fletcher Allen Health Care. In 2008, he was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives and as a member of the House Health Care committee for six years, he advocated tirelessly for stronger primary care infrastructure and broader access to health care. In 2014, Rep. Till was instrumental in focusing attention on the enormous impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on health care and human services budgets and, more importantly, on the people who experience them. He introduced legislation to support care providers in assessing and supporting patients as they heal. He successfully advocated for state dollars to match federal funds for loan repayment, recognizing the importance of this tool for recruiting primary care practitioners to Vermont. Rep. Till led successful efforts to secure insurance benefits for telemedicine and to increase state funding of the Medicaid program. He never shies away from a good public health initiative; over the years, he has sponsored a broad range of legislation aimed at ensuring strong public health programs and a healthier population, including a bill to support the Department of Health in requiring fluoridation in municipal water, legislation to require complete immunization for public school children, and taxes on tobacco products and sugar-sweetened beverages.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Bi-State’s annual Primary Care Conference features experts in health care policy and practice at the federal, state, and local level and attracts a large audience of primary care administrators, clinicians, and policymakers. For more information, please visit www.bistatepca.org. ###