Family Nurse Practitioner at Little Rivers Health Care to Receive The Outstanding Clinician Award

VERMONT – APRIL 29, 2015 – On May 12, Marlene Bristol, FNP, Family Nurse Practitioner at Little Rivers Health Care, will receive The Outstanding Clinician Award from Bi-State Primary Care Association. This annual award “honors primary care clinicians from Vermont and New Hampshire whose exemplary skills and service have made a significant impact on the health of underserved patients and the community in which they serve.” Bristol will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2015 Primary Care Conference in Fairlee, Vermont.

Bristol goes above and beyond the call of duty to make health care accessible for the neediest and most challenged patients at Little Rivers Health Care. She has been with Little Rivers since the doors opened in 2006 and has consistently taken on the most difficult assignments, including providing primary care services at Grafton County Corrections, Grafton County Nursing Home, Valley Vista (inpatient alcohol and drug rehabilitation), and Clara Martin Center (outpatient mental health). She made herself available by pager 24/7, without being asked, and was also the provider who helped launch the Open Any Door program at Clara Martin Center. This joint project with Little Rivers provides primary care services for clients with significant mental illnesses who are more comfortable at Clara Martin Center than at a doctor’s office. When Little Rivers needed to expand its after-hours call availability, Bristol was one of two providers willing to take this on. In spite of always going “the extra mile,” she is unfailingly calm, thoughtful, and compassionate. Her service is deeply appreciated by her co-workers, patients, and community.

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.

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