VERMONT – May 13, 2016 – On May 24, Andrew Majka, former Chief Finance Officer and Chief Strategy Officer of Springfield Medical Care Systems, will receive The Chair’s 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.” Majka will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2016 Primary Care Conference on May 24 in Fairlee, Vermont.

This award honors Majka for the pivotal role he played in developing a new model for primary and preventive health care. While at Springfield Medical Care Systems, Mr. Majka developed a new model of Community Health Center - the Federally Qualified Health Center/Critical Access Hospital model. In 2007- 2008, Mr. Majka’s expertise, impeccable financial credentials and creativity were critical to the community’s and Springfield Hospital’s understanding and embrace of the new model. The new FQHC/CAH model was approved in a precedent-setting “New Access Point” application by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2009. Mr. Majka has worked to strengthen Springfield by starting a dental practice and consolidating disparate Springfield practices into a single, state-of-the-art, primary care hub downtown. He has been very generous of his time and expertise and serves as a role model and a valuable resource nationally and to his colleagues and Bi-State Primary Care Association.

As Majka describes it, “Our model is not a collaboration or a cooperative venture; it’s a true integration of all resources. This transformation has led to a paradigm shift placing primary and preventive care at the top of our delivery system.”

And while the financial savings from this new model have been significant, the benefits to the Springfield region in terms of improved care, improved access, and improved overall health of the populations are what make this such a momentous achievement. Majka and Springfield Medical Care Systems have received national recognition and awards for their efforts.
Majka is also honored for his unstinting collaborations with Bi-State and its member organizations, Community Health Centers throughout the state, helping them pursue visionary and empathetic goals in community health.

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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