NEW HAMPSHIRE – May 13, 2016 – On May 24, Patricia Tilley, Chief of the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, Division of Public Health Services at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, will receive The Public Service Award from Bi-State Primary Care Association. This annual award “honors individuals whose position allows them to make extraordinary contributions in the area of public health and primary care access.” Harding will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2016 Primary Care Conference on May 24 in Fairlee, Vermont.

Ms. Tilley has shown great care and concern about the impact of state policies on medically underserved populations and on the Community Health Centers that provide patient-centered primary health care services to those populations. Ms. Tilley is a creative, forward thinker who considers how to leverage state resources for family planning and primary care. She understands that many patients served by Community Health Centers require extra resources to address complex health and social service needs and effectively communicates that information. She is a valued partner and advocate for Community Health Centers inside the Department of Public Health.

Tilley’s role at the Bureau is to foster systemic approaches to promote health and wellbeing, prevent chronic conditions through population-level strategies and interventions, and to reduce health inequities. She earned a bachelor’s in Developmental Psychology from Hampshire College, Amherst, MA and a master’s of Science in Education from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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