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Awards Presented on Capitol Hill Recognizing Bipartisan Support

Congressional support for Community Health Centers spans five decades

WASHINGTON, DC – April 5, 2017 – Among the thousands of Community Health Center advocates convening on Capitol Hill on March 30 were six from Vermont. Physicians, board members and directors of Vermont’s Federally Qualified Health Centers joined Bi-State Primary Care Association to deliver awards to their Congressional delegation in Washington. “We came to thank and recognize our Members of Congress for maintaining bipartisan support of the cost-effective Community Health Center program,” said Tess Stack Kuenning, president/CEO of Bi-State Primary Care Association. “Congress has supported the Community Health Center program through three Republican and two Democratic administrations. On behalf of the 24 million patients served by Community Health Centers nationwide, we extend our sincere appreciation for their bipartisan support.” The 12 nonprofit Community Health Centers in Vermont provide access to integrated primary care, often under one roof, including medical, oral, mental health, substance use treatment, and pharmacy services to more than 193,000 patients annually.

In recognition of their past support of the Community Health Center program, that provides access to affordable primary care and preventive services for all, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Patrick Leahy and Rep. Peter Welch each received a Community Health Congressional Award.

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ABOUT BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont’s 28 Community Health Centers serving 300,000 patients at 120 locations. Bi-State works to promote access to quality, affordable primary health care with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. Bi-State Primary Care Association was founded as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1986 with offices in Bow, New Hampshire and Montpelier, Vermont.