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Exceptional Individuals Recognized for Addressing NH’s Health Care Needs

NEW HAMPSHIRE – MAY 17, 2019 – On Tuesday, May 21st, Bi-State Primary Care Association will honor five unique individuals for making a difference in the lives of countless Granite Staters:

NH Hunt Blair Leadership Award – Scott Valliere is a program analyst at Coos County Family Health Services, which is the sole provider of primary care services in the Berlin area. Scott’s leadership style embodies that of Hunt Blair, a Bi-State director also remembered fondly as a beloved mentor. Like Hunt, Scott recognizes the potential of every individual to improve the lives of many.

NH Outstanding Clinician Award – Dr. David Nelson won Ammonoosuc Community Health Services’ “Superhero of the Year” award. Recently, one of Dr. Nelson’s co-workers invited him to an after-work event. He replied he couldn’t make it as he had a “date.” The date was with an elderly patient he promised to stop in and check on after a recent illness. Co-workers and patients agree he is a “rare find.”

NH Community Service Award – Dr. Kevin Dugas is a retired dentist and volunteer on the homeless van for Families First/Greater Seacoast Health and Support Center. His passion is caring for those who need dental services, and in addition to his work with Greater Seacoast, he has made annual trips to Haiti for 30 years, providing critical and often life-changing dental services to patients who have oftentimes never been to a dentist.

NH Public Service Award – Tym Rourke is the Director of NH Tomorrow, NH Charitable Foundation’s largest philanthropic initiative. He is focusing on reducing the opportunity gap for children and families in the Granite State. Tym is considered by many of his peers as one of the most persistent advocates for increased access to substance use disorder treatment in the state.

NH Board Chair Award – A native of rural Texas, Sharon Beaty moved to rural, central NH and recognized the lack of access to health care in her community. She immediately teamed up with a local physician to establish Mid-State Health Center. Sharon’s vision of “providing access to high-quality primary health care services to everyone” has become an everyday reality for thousands of patients now receiving care at Mid-State.

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 over 315,400 patients at 143 locations across every county in New Hampshire and Vermont. 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.

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