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2019 NH Legislative and Business Breakfast
Innovative Solutions to NH’s Health Care Workforce Shortage

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Feb. 6, 2019 -- NH Senators Jeb Bradley, Dan Feltes, Cindy Rosenwald, and Rep. Erin Hennessey engaged in a panel discussion on New Hampshire’s health care workforce shortage and the solutions proposed in Senate Bill 308 at Bi-State Primary Care Association’s Legislative and Business Breakfast on Feb. 6 in Concord.

In a recent survey, New Hampshire’s Community Health Centers reported more than 100 clinical and non-clinical vacancies in primary care, oral health, behavioral health care, and substance use disorder treatment. The health centers are not alone: the health care workforce shortage affects health care organizations across the Granite State, and more importantly, a lack of clinicians affects access to care. SB308 will put New Hampshire on a new path by providing comprehensive, systemwide investments and allow us to meet our current and future health care needs.

Sen. Rosenwald sponsored SB308 to strengthen the State’s Loan Repayment program that makes it economically feasible for physicians to work in medically underserved urban and rural areas at a lower salary than they’d make elsewhere. When asked by an audience member why now is the time to put forth this bill, Sen. Rosenwald replied, “The state economy is relatively good. If we have the will we can make these workforce investments that we would not be able to do if we were in a recession. We must reduce administrative burdens to providers.”

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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 over 315,400 patients at 136 locations that serve 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.