PHYSICIANS AND DIRECTORS FROM VT’S FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS MEET WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS TODAY

MONTPELIER, VT – JAN. 29, 2019 - On Tuesday, Jan. 29, physicians and directors representing Vermont’s Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) are scheduled to meet with elected officials at the State House, including the House Health Committee, about the importance of access to comprehensive primary care services to Vermonters at community-based health care providers. Bi-State Primary Care Association and its members will also host an ice cream reception for Vermont Legislators in the State House cafeteria from 2-4 pm.

In meetings with Administration and Legislative leadership, physicians will share their knowledge and experience with primary care in the treatment of chronic disease, mental health, and substance use disorders in their patient population of more than one-third of Vermonters. They will highlight the need to ensure there is an adequate supply of trained health professionals geographically distributed around the state. Workforce development and delivery of care are directly linked.

“Federally Qualified Health Centers provide integrated primary care services throughout Vermont. By ensuring access to primary care, mental health, dental, and substance use disorder treatment services, these clinicians are meeting patients where they are,” said Georgia Maheras, Vice President of Policy and Programs for 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 315,000 patients at 136 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.

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